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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Peking And Thailand

THE unfriendly and unjust accusations which the New China News Agency has levelled against Thailand this week may merely be intended to manifest to the world that the Chinese Communist propaganda machine is still in full working order; additionally it could be a psychological move to help forward the latest Communist military enterprise in Laos which borders Thailand. The tendency both in London and Washington to regard the development as part of a plan to shift Red aggression from Korea to Southeast Asia is not to be discounted; nevertheless any suggestion that a Communist invasion of Thailand is imminent is not readily acceptable. Anti-Thai propaganda is not new to the Peking regime. Two years ago it indulged in a radio campaign in which the Thai Government was accused of persecuting Chinese residents and (in words almost identical to those employed this week) "openly carrying out the bidding of American imperialism." In short the Chinese Communists are returning to an old theme which, in 1951 made no impression on the people of Thailand, but the meaning of which today may be more sinister.

THE Government of Siam has consistently taken a strong line against Communism in Asia. This is not because the risk is large of Communism making headway among the Siamese, who are Buddhists, monarchists, and mostly prosperous peasant proprietors, with no grudge against "Western imperialism." Promises that the land will be redistributed and the country freed from foreign rule mean virtually nothing in Thailand, where there is no pressure on the soil and no memory of political subordination to the West. The Communist threat springs first from the fact that it is already implanted in neighbouring countries, and secondly, from its influence on the Chinese section of her own population. Undoubtedly during the last twenty years, successive governments of China have wooed the Chinese in Thailand, endeavouring to persuade them to detach themselves from the Siamese among whom they live, and to cultivate ties with China. And the emergence of a Communist Government in China has created a Chinese Communist party in Thailand, though the extent of its influence on the population is probably not decisive.

THE Peking regime has no reason to like the right-wing government of Thailand. It has refused to give recognition to the Mao Tse-tung administration; it was among the first of the United Nations allies to send troops to Korea (the point has been emphasised in the Peking accusations this week); and it has consistently followed a policy of full support to the United Nations in defence of bitter attacks from Moscow as well as Peking. These are factors obviously helping to generate the latest display of animosity by Communist China, but still to be revealed is whether the propaganda attacks are a prelude for more serious action on the part of Peking against Thailand. And it is the doubts raised which invest the present Communist campaign in Laos with special significance. If it is wholly successful Thailand's defensive position will be seriously compromised, with the consequent danger of severe Communist pressure being applied to the country both from without and within.

Eisenhower Worried By Laos Situation

BECOMES VERY SERIOUS SENATORS ARE TOLD

Question Of Diverting War Supplies To Indo-China

(From HENRY LOWRIE)

London, Apr. 29.

President Eisenhower is so worried by the seriousness of the situation which has developed since the Communist drive into Laos that he is considering just how much additional fighting equipment can be diverted from Europe to assist the French in Indo-China.

The Government's anxiety was voiced today by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, when he testified in secret for two hours before the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee.

After the meeting the Committee Chairman, Senator Alexander Wiley, underlined the official American concern by thrice using the phrase "very serious."

He was evidently echoing the grave warning issued by Mr Dulles for he quoted the latter as saying "Extension of the Indo-China war to Laos has created a serious new problem which disturbs all peace-loving people."

Senator Wiley added that the State and Defence Departments were considering sending additional arms to the French and what portion can be spared of the supplies earmarked for Europe.

Senator Wiley went on "The whole problem is under very serious consideration in the highest quarters. The fall of Laos would have an effect on the entire world situation and must be considered a dangerous eruption."

Mr Dulles was questioned regarding America's foreign aid programme and, according to Senator Wiley, left the Committee with the impression that the far East at present is a "more dangerous" trouble spot than Europe.

Senator Wiley said increased aid to Indo-China would not set back "European defence plans under the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation but admitted that some temporary diversion of arms might be necessary."

London Express Service.

TO TAKE CHARGE

Paris, Apr. 30. General Charles Leclerc, chief of the French Air Staff, flies out to Indo-China today (Thursday) to take charge of the "airbridge" to hard-pressed French Union forces, amid mounting signs that a political storm is brewing over the conduct of the war.

Government concern was illustrated by the news that France's top soldier, Marshal Alphonse Juin, Inspector-General of the armed forces, may go out to Indo-China for several months to help to straighten out the situation.

If he goes, it would probably mean that he would have to ask to be relieved of his Atlantic

Pact job as Commander of Central European land forces.

Political controversy over the handling of the long, weary Indo-China war—now in crisis with rebel forces knocking at the gates of the Laos Royal seat, Luang Prabang—may burst into the open in an early National Assembly debate. The Assembly will reconvene on May 12.

General Georges Revers, who has been attacked as largely responsible for the leakage of a secret Indo-China document three years ago, jumped into the fray yesterday with a press interview blaming the Paris Government for not giving real power to the State of Vietnam, largest of the three French Union states in Indo-China.

General Revers also accused the French Treasury of countenancing conditions allowing "appalling corruption" in Indo-China.

Another attack came from J. J. Servan Schreiber, regular political writer in the Conservative paper *Le Monde*. He alleged that "certain political groups" in France had found the Indo-China war financially profitable. He said several thousand million francs had flowed into their pockets from exchange deals, provision of supplies and war damage compensation.

Rebel forces were last reported manoeuvring to gain a springboard for an attack on Luang Prabang. But, though they were a mere 15 miles away, the attack was not expected for a day or two.

The King of Laos, Sisavang Vong, 75 years old and disabled by gout and rheumatism, has refused to leave the town. High spirits has helped to spur civilians and troops to greater efforts, but the French are

worried about the propaganda effect if he should fall into rebel hands.—Reuter.

THAI REQUEST

Washington, Apr. 29. Diplomatic officials said today that the Thai Embassy had requested that United States arms be sent to Thailand to help it fight the Communist invasion of Laos.

The French Embassy also has been informed that the possibility of rushing heavy transport planes to help stop the Laos invasion was being considered at the highest governmental levels.

The Thai Ambassador, Mr Pote Sarasin, today authorised the United Press to quote him directly as follows: "I paid a urgent call yesterday on the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Walter J. Robertson, to ask that US arms aid to Thailand be immediately stepped up in view of the Communist Vietnamese invasion of Laos."

"I asked that details of this be discussed by the US military mission in Bangkok with my government, as I pointed out we want to be prepared as soon as possible for all eventualities in view of the invasion of Laos. I pointed out that this is of the utmost importance in view of the danger that a threat to Thailand by the Communist forces in Laos would create, not only for my country but for Malaysia as well."

VULNERABLE

"I told Mr Robertson of the vulnerability of my country to any further Communist aggression resulting from the Communist invasion of Laos. I said that my country exclusively exported strategic raw materials to the West and any cutting off of their supplies would be a blow to Western economy."

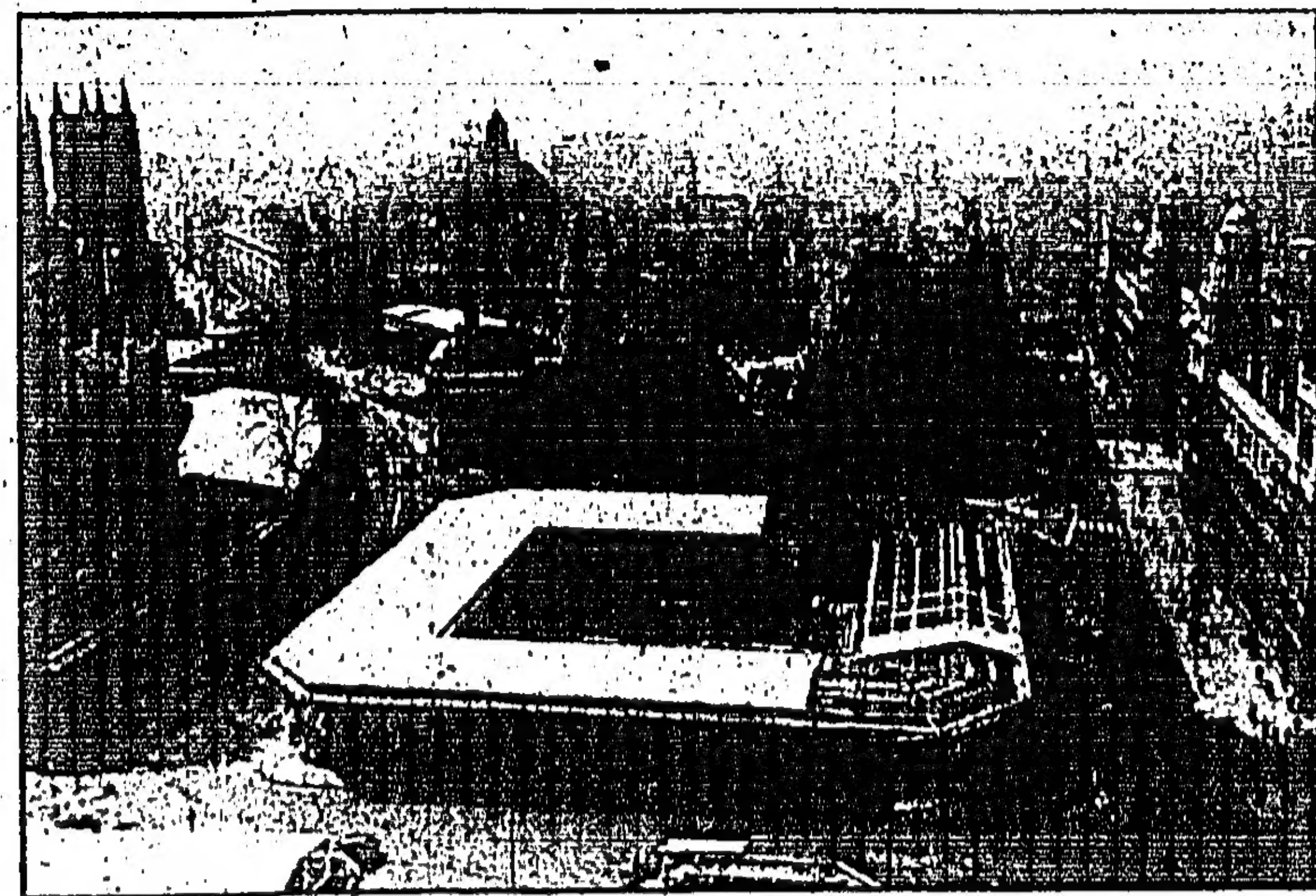
"I pointed out that Thailand is not in a position to put a large number of armed forces in the field, but the forces it has it wants to be properly and fully equipped in the shortest time possible, in view of the Laos invasion."

"I added that Thailand did not, in view of this danger, intend to withdraw its forces from Korea."

Mr Sarasin said Mr Robertson assured him he would immediately take the Thai request to the highest governmental levels.—United Press.

VOROSHILOV'S ASSURANCE

London, Apr. 29. Marshal Voroshilov, the Soviet President, said today that Russia's armed forces "do not threaten anyone and have no intention of attacking any foreign country," according to Moscow Radio.—Reuter.



Coronation Stands

This photo taken from the top of the House of Commons shows Coronation stands being erected in Parliament Square, on the lawns of Westminster Abbey (left) and on the lawns of the Houses of Parliament (foreground).—AP Photo.

No Lane, Crawford Dairy Farm Merger

There is to be no merger between Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

This was disclosed at today's annual meeting of the Dairy Farm Company, and a statement similar to that made by the Chairman was simultaneously released by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

Announcing the breakdown in the merger negotiations, Mr J. D. Alexander said to Dairy Farm shareholders:

"It is my duty to report that negotiations with Lane, Crawford, Ltd., for a merger between the two companies have, by mutual consent, been abandoned. "While agreement in principle was reached on the desirability of a complete merger, it proved impossible to reach agreement as to the comparative values of our respective undertakings. "Both Boards have been into much detail and have made every effort to find a mutually satisfactory basis for a merger but they have now reluctantly come to the conclusion that their honest differences of opinion cannot be reconciled. "It has consequently been decided to terminate the negotiations."

The statement released this morning by Lane, Crawford, Ltd., read:

"The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., wishes to confirm that as stated today by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dairy Farm, Ltd., the negotiations for a merger of the two companies have, by mutual consent, been abandoned. "While complete merger was agreed in principle it was not found possible to reach agreement as to the comparative values of the respective undertakings, and in consequence it was decided with regret that the negotiations be terminated."

Ban On Shipping Ruling

London, Apr. 29.

Merchant ships carrying strategic cargoes to Communist China have been barred from refuelling at British-controlled sources east of Suez, the Government announced today.

A Ministry of Fuel and Power statement said that British oil companies have been asked to inform the Government of all requests for bunkering facilities east of Suez.

"In appropriate cases the British Government will request the oil companies to refuse supplies," the statement said. Similar arrangements to control the supply of coal bunkers are being made.

The ban follows statements made in the House of Commons by Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, on March 17 and 18, in which he said arrangements were being worked out with the authorities in British territories concerned to prevent ships carrying strategic cargoes to China being bunkered in British-controlled ports. On March 18 the Government announced it had banned its merchant ships from carrying strategic goods from any source to Communist China or Communist-controlled North Korea.

Licences to sail to China or North Korea would be granted provided ships did not carry "any item of strategic cargo" unless specific items were exempted. The list of barred strategic goods included 43 items ranging from electric furnaces and ball bearings to explosives, rubber and chemicals.—Reuter.

Soviet Spies Arrested

Berlin, Apr. 29.

West Berlin police have arrested several members of a Soviet spy gang, the West German news agency DPA said today.

An alleged spy ring led by Soviet officers was broken by police in West Berlin earlier this month and 39 people were arrested.

The West German Vice Chancellor, Herr Franz Blücher, said it was the biggest Soviet spy ring uncovered since the war. During the past fortnight nine of those held have been released. One committed suicide in prison. The police said tonight they had arrested seven people in three raids during the past four days.

Two of them were released. The others were detained on suspicion of spying for Russia. The first group, two men and one woman, was arrested on Sunday morning, police said.—Reuter.

Orders For Hongkong Textiles Roll In

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 29.

Orders for over 500,000 yards of cotton goods have been placed by buyers from all parts of the world at the Hongkong Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Association's textile exhibit at St Ermin's Hotel in London.

Mr Charles Silas, of the Nanyang Cotton Mill, who is in charge of this section of Hongkong's contribution to the British Industries Fair, reports more serious enquiries than last year when textiles were first displayed separately from the Colony's main exhibit at Earls Court.

Eighteen Hongkong firms are taking part in the St Ermin's Hotel exhibition.

Buyers from all parts of the world have expressed keen interest in Hongkong textiles and quotations have been requested by importers from Denmark, Belgium and Germany, as well as many from Lancashire.

A Nigerian buyer who imported large quantities of Hongkong textiles before the war said he was anxious to resume trade with the Colony on a large scale.

At Earls Court hundreds more enquiries have been dealt with on the Hongkong stand. Details have already been forwarded to the Colony of those taken in the first two days. Many of them are expected to lead to firm orders.

ATTRACT ATTENTION

There are few goods among the wide range on show at Earls Court that have not attracted the attention of buyers. A British importer is keen to obtain large quantities of Chinese canned food, and another has expressed an interest in Chinese toys.

One visitor, who has apparently not been influenced by recent adverse criticism of Hongkong goods, has asked for a quotation for a large quantity of knitted gloves. (A British glove manufacturer recently alleged that Hongkong knitted gloves were made in Japan and exported to this country as Empire goods to obtain preferential tariff treatment.)

Most exhibitors at the Fair have been complaining of the lack of interest shown by buyers, but this has not been the

New Title Hint

Dublin, Apr. 29. The Duke of Edinburgh was likely to be given a new title at the Coronation, Mr C. G. Carson, Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Church of Ireland, told the Church general synod in Dublin today.

He said Prince Charles might be created Prince of Wales.

Mr Carson was announcing a new arrangement under which changes in the prayer book would not be necessary with every change in title of a member of the Royal family.—Reuter.

Ship Sinks: 67 Drowned

Bogota, Apr. 29.

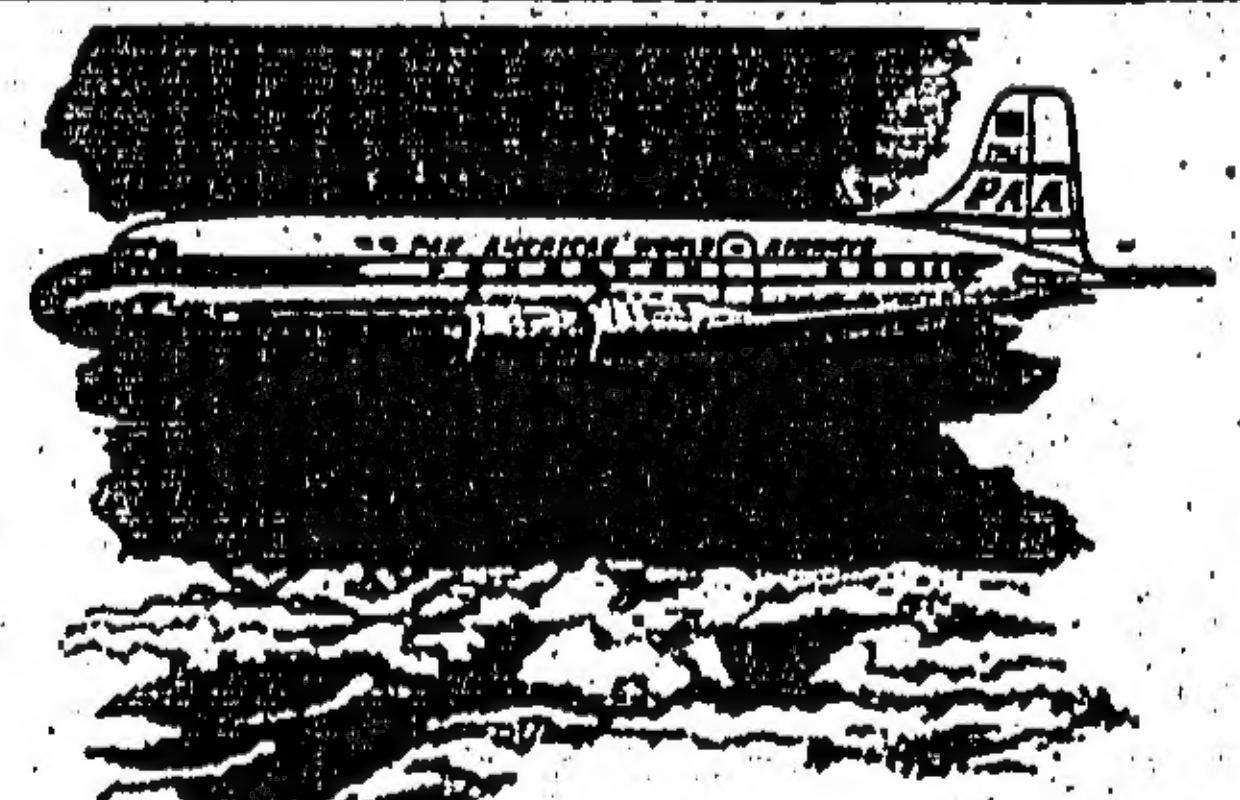
Fifty-two policemen and 15 crew were drowned when the 1,764 ton Colombia motorship Columbia sank yesterday between Puerco Culepa and Bahía Solano on the Pacific Coast, the Navy said today.

The policemen were on the way to reinforce the garrison at Bahía Solano. Coastguards rescued 18 of them and found that the Captain, two engineers and the paymaster had reached the shore.—Reuter.

Korea Casualties

Washington, Apr. 29.

Announced U.S. battle casualties in Korea reached 134,410 today, an increase of 623 since last week.—Associated Press.



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**Symbolism
In London**



Unveiled last week on their pedestals surmounting the entrance to the new block of Government buildings in Horse Guards Avenue, London, were these two symbolic statues by Charles Wheeler, R.A., named *Water* (nearest camera) and *Earth*.—Central Press Photo.

**Mohammed Ali's
Approach To
Indian Premier**

New Delhi, Apr. 29.
Informed sources said today that Pakistan's Prime Minister Mohammed Ali's letter to the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, was written in friendly terms and indicated a desire for a peaceful settlement of the issues between the two countries.

The letter was forwarded to Mr. Nehru, who is touring the famine areas of Maharashtra, Bombay State.

It was believed here that the two Prime Ministers are not likely to meet to talk over a settlement until their return from the Coronation in London. Lesser officials will confer, in the meantime, on non-political issues, leaving the Kashmir dispute to be discussed by Mr. Nehru and Mr. Ali, it was said.—United Press.

Qantas Gesture

London, Apr. 29.
Qantas aircraft which will be flying hundreds of Australians to Britain for the Coronation during May will wear a "Coronation look."

They will be decorated with Coronation emblems and along their sides the aircraft will bear the words "Australian Coronation Special."—Reuter.

**Important Elections For
Senate Seats
In Australia**

Canberra, Apr. 29.
The Labour Opposition, led by Dr H. V. Evatt, will hamstring the Menzies-Fadden coalition government if it wins the May 9 election for one-half of the seats in the Senate.

If Labour does follow up its successes in the Queensland and South Australian State elections — when there was an estimated eight per cent pro-Labour swing — the Menzies-Fadden government will be in trouble.

A Labour majority in the Senate could force the Liberal and Country Party coalition regime to call for general elections. Refusal by Labour to endorse the government's "supply" bill which allocates money for national projects and departments would amount to a no-confidence motion.

An evenly-divided Senate after May 9 will block any legislation that the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, and the Treasurer, Mr Arthur Fadden, bring in.

It was precisely to break such a crippling deadlock in the Senate that Mr Menzies asked for a double dissolution of both Houses of Parliament in April 1951. He had come into power in December 1949 by defeating the eight-year-old Labour regime but, because only half the Senate seats were contested, soon found himself faced with a hostile upper chamber. For 15 months the Labour-dominated Senate played havoc.

The Menzies-Fadden government successfully cleared the decks when it secured a majority of 19 seats in the Senate in the 1951 polls. The loss of that majority on May 9 will put the Government back into the deadly frustration of its first 15 months in power.

A SAFEGUARD

The fathers of Australia's 1900 constitution insisted on equality of representation in the Senate. This was to give the weaker States the opportunity to safeguard their interests if they ever conflicted with those of the more populated States—with proportionately more representatives in the Lower House. The Senate must approve all legislation passed by the House of Representatives before it can become law.

This is how the Senate's 60 seats—ten each from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia—are distributed at present: Liberal Party 29, Country Party 30, Labour Party 29.

The rival Parties are evenly divided five-five in each State except Queensland. There the Government has six seats to Labour's four.

Only half the Senate is contested every three years. But 32 of the 60 positions will be decided on May 9. The two extra seats are to replace a Senator from West Australia and another from Tasmania, who died recently.

THREE AT MOST

Both were on the Government side. That means elections will choose six Senators in Western Australia and Tasmania and five in each of the other four States.

Proportional representation makes it practically impossible for either Party to gain more than three seats in either Western Australia or Tasmania.

Labour will have to win three out of five vacant seats in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia, as well as the three seats in Western Australia and Tasmania — to dislodge the Senate. To retain its Senate control, the Government needs to win three out of six in Tasmania and Western Australia—plus three out of five seats in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland or South Australia.

Voting is compulsory and the total number of people going to the polls will be just over five million. The incoming Senators will take their seats from July 1. Some of them will be going to London for the Coronation.—United Press.

**CASH
OFFERS
TO REDS**

Washington, Apr. 29.
Exponents of psychological warfare said today that the United States could well afford to offer every Chinese Communist soldier in Korea "a fortune" in cash to desert to the United Nations lines.

They said that it was costing this country upwards of \$5,000,000 a year to fight the Korean war even on the present scale of limited combat. The same sum would be sufficient to pay cash rewards of \$5,000 each to all of the 1,000,000 Chinese Communist troops now in Korea.

The \$5,000 would amount to a fortune to the average Chinese who never dreams of accumulating that much wealth. Some persons have claimed that a \$100 payment would be enough to persuade Red soldiers to forget about fighting for the Communist cause and cross to the Allied lines.

Although the suggestion has been made from time to time, the idea apparently is not being given serious consideration by top Government psychological strategists at the moment. They are obviously waiting to see what the results will be — if any — from General Mark W. Clark's offer of a \$50,000 reward to Red pilots who fly Soviet-made MIG jets into Allied hands.

LEAFLETS EFFECTIVE
The United Nations forces have previously dropped leaflets behind enemy lines urging Red soldiers to cross into Allied lines and guaranteeing safe conduct and fair treatment. These pamphlets alone have been persuading some Red soldiers to desert. Presumably, a cash bonus would persuade a great many more to quit the fighting.

Even if such psychological warfare moves do not bring jet planes or foot soldiers into United Nations hands they are expected to create a morale problem among the Communists. In some cases the Reds are known to have had such little faith in their soldiers that they have sent security patrols out to watch foot soldiers on reconnaissance missions to prevent them from surrendering.

Most Congressmen hailed Gen. Clark's latest psychological warfare move. But some have expressed the fear that it might boomerang. — United Press.

**Commons Query
On Pamphlet**

London, Apr. 29.
Mr Fitzroy MacLean, Conservative, today asked the Colonial Secretary whether the official pamphlet published by the British Commissioner-General in South-East Asia under the title "Healing Thoughts" represented the policy of Her Majesty's Government.

Mr Lytton: "I understand that the pamphlet contains a review by the Commissioner-General for South-East Asia of relations between the peoples of the West and those of Southern Asia. It is not a statement of Government policy."—Reuter.

**'Duleep' To Be
Relieved**

Canberra, Apr. 29.
Prince K. S. Duleep Singh, brilliant Sussex and England batsman of the late twenties and early thirties, is to be succeeded as Indian High Commissioner in Australia by General K. M. Cariappa, former Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army.

Mr Richard Casey, Australian External Affairs Minister, said Australia regretted the departure of Prince Duleep Singh, who has won many Australian friends and a sympathetic Australian interest in India.—Reuter.

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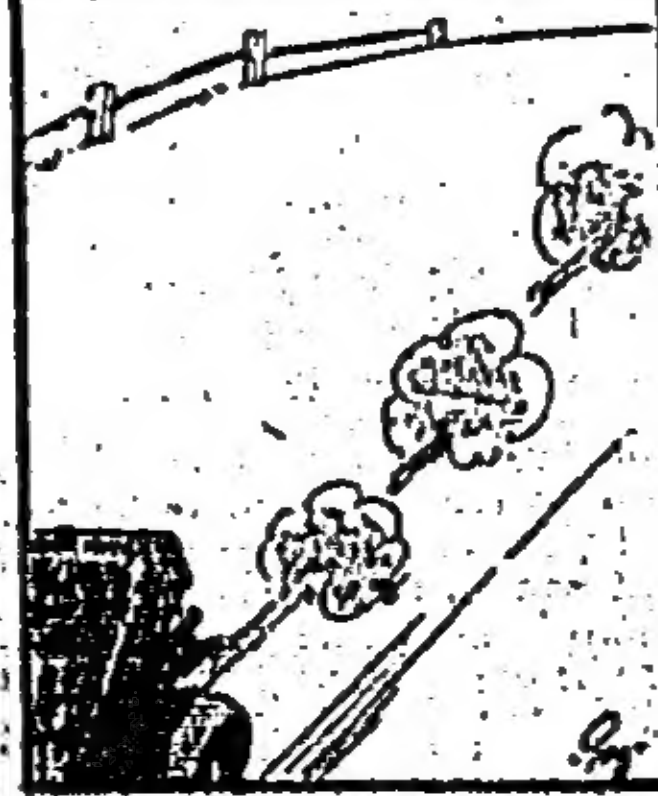
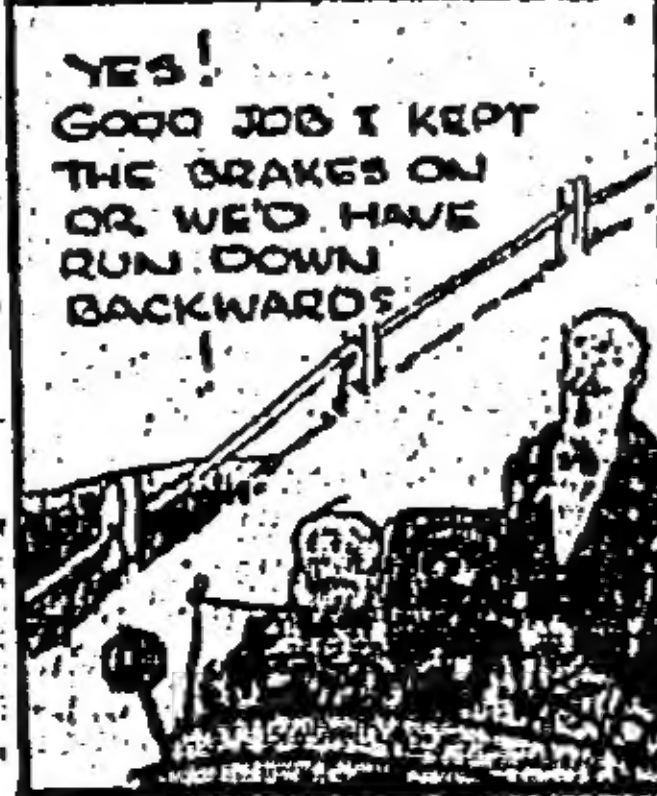
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FRENCH STRIKE THREATS

Paris, Apr. 30. French workers in many sectors of industry were today bombarding their employers with demands for better pay and conditions, and threatening to launch strikes on this eve of May Day.

The situation was particularly grave in the merchant navy. Some 700 officers of the French Transatlantic Lines refused to take their ships out of Le Havre unless they were granted a 40-hour week.

The company replied by cancelling the sailing of the Ile de France for New York and the Antilles for the West Indies, laying the two ships up.

Jules Ramarony, Under-Secretary of State for the Merchant Marine, appealed to the officers to stop their "unjustified" strike but there was no indication that they would do so.

Officers of the Transatlantic Lines and other companies are meeting today in Marseilles, Rouen and Nantes to decide whether to join the strike declared at Le Havre, where some tugboat men have also stopped work.

Bank clerks, railway workers, some public transport and car factory workers are expected to strike for varying periods today or tomorrow. Hotel and metal workers are also agitating.

The giant nationalised Renault Car Factory in Paris is a major point of unrest. Some 75,000 men have been temporarily laid off owing to the strike of 500 workers in the upholstery department.—Reuter.

Gloucester's Flight

London, Apr. 29. The Duke of Gloucester, after attending the Coronation of King Faisal in Baghdad on Saturday, will go on to Amman to congratulate King Hussein, who is being crowned the same day.

The Duke, uncle of Queen Elizabeth, will convey to King Hussein his niece's personal congratulations.

The Kings of Jordan and Iraq, both aged 18, are both being crowned in their capitals on Saturday.

The date of the Duke's visit to Amman is not yet known. Before returning to London on May 7 he will visit Habbaniyah, Iraq, and stay a day at Mufrag, Jordan.—Reuter.

The Chaplins In England



Waving his hat to a small crowd that called "Welcome, Charlie" at London Airport is Charlie Chaplin, seen with his wife, Oona, when they arrived from Geneva. Mr. Chaplin subsequently issued a statement saying he had decided not to return to the United States but would take up residence in Britain.—Reuterphoto.

End Of Sugar Rationing?

London, Apr. 29. The Food Minister, Major Gwilym Lloyd George, today forecast the end of sugar rationing this year. He told the annual luncheon of the Cane Growers' Association in London that recent purchases of Cuban sugar would mean an increase in the ration soon and added: "Later this year we shall be free once, and I hope, for all from this most restrictive of all food ration schemes."—Reuter.

THE QUEEN'S REQUEST

London, Apr. 29. Queen Elizabeth II would like everyone worshipping in Anglican churches on May 31, the Sunday before her Coronation on June 2, to sing the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is My Shepherd." It is her favourite.

The form of service for that Sunday is being published on Thursday by command of the Queen.

One of the hymns she would like is "The Queen, O God, Her Heart to Thee Upraiseth, With Her The Nation Bows Before Thy Face."

It is a slightly altered version of an old hymn included in the volume known in Anglican circles as the Coronation Hymnal.—Associated Press.

"United South Africa Conception Impossible"

SENATOR SUGGESTS A NEW FEDERATION

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, Apr. 29. Senator George Heaton Nicholls, one-time African High Commissioner in London, said today that he had evidence of a possible "exodus" of English-speaking people from South Africa.

Senator Nicholls recently resigned from the United (opposition) Party.

He said: "If English-speaking people are to be driven out of South Africa, the Afrikaners under Dr Malan will not be able to fill the vacuum."

Peace Through Strength

Best Insurance For World's Hopes

London, Apr. 29. Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary, said today that the best insurance for "new-found hopes" remained in a policy of peace through strength and in the Atlantic Pact.

He said that South Africa should recognise the incompatibility of the two white sections of the Union. The concept of one united country was impossible and a new federation should take its place, he said.

Senator Nicholls suggested that Afrikaners-speaking areas of the Union "could have their Republics" and that English-speaking areas could continue their old traditions and form a separate monarchy.

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He visualised full economic and political relations between Afrikaner Republics and a monarchy in South Africa based on his proposed new type of federation.

Non-European affairs would be handled in the traditions of the separate sections.

The two racial sections of the Union, he said, were growing increasingly hostile. A clash would be fatal to white civilisation in South Africa.

There is nothing we can do about it except to go our separate ways in peace," he said.

He said that the free people of the British Commonwealth, the United States and Europe.

Our contribution to the united strength of the free nations has depended on our efficiency in handling armaments," he told a meeting of women Conservatives.

The skilful handling of foreign affairs by the Foreign Secretary has enabled us to spread our arms over a longer period and thus lessen the immediate load.

It has been possible to adjust the burden of our economy and give the best possible chance to our export trade.

Sir David Maxwell Fyfe said it was largely due to the initiative of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, that the sick and wounded prisoners are now being returned from Korea.

Mr. Eden's hope that the exchange might lead in turn to a new spirit of approaching an honourable armistice was now a possibility.

"We have still to be cautious, but we hope the talks will at length succeed," he said.

Sir David said: "There are signs of a new mood in the Kremlin and, as Sir Winston Churchill has said, we shall not throw away a single hope however slender."—Reuter.

"Nothing short of the establishment of an American military protectorate in fact it is not in name would have saved China,"—United Press.

TO GIVE AN EXPLANATION

Washington, Apr. 29. United States civil air chief Fred Lee said today that a lot of misinformation has been circulated about the failure of American authorities to approve British jet fighters for service in the United States.

As a result, he said, he expects to hold a press conference soon to answer all questions on the subject.

Mr Lee is administrator of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

Although Britain's natural concern about the jets has been great, American newspapers have not been greatly concerned.—Associated Press.

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Vincent's Criticism Of Dulles

New York, Apr. 29.

John Carter Vincent, Foreign Service officer who resigned after being cleared of loyalty charges, arrived here today from his last post with sharp criticism for the present Administration's idea that American failure lost China to the Communists.

Mr Vincent, who served in China from 1941 to 1947, said that the new Administration could build and pursue an effective policy in China.

He did not favour the withdrawal of aid from Chiang's Government, "but I object to the placing of reliance on that old as the major means of overthrowing the Communists in China."

He added, "What we should do is to be constantly alert to detect and where possible promote any weakening in the ties between Moscow and Peking and in ties between Peking and outlying Chinese provinces.... any evidences of regional Tlitos within China."

Mr Vincent said that the Dulles command seemed to harbour the idea that the late Administration, "advised by a group of non-political career officers, including me, failed to prevent and, therefore, caused the downfall of the Nationalist Government of China."

"This idea, it appears," he continued, "has served its purpose as campaign material."

"But the campaign is over and the fact of the matter is that it was the sheer and protracted stupidity of the Nationalist Government that lost China to the Communists."

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Collective Bargaining In Malaya

London, Apr. 29.

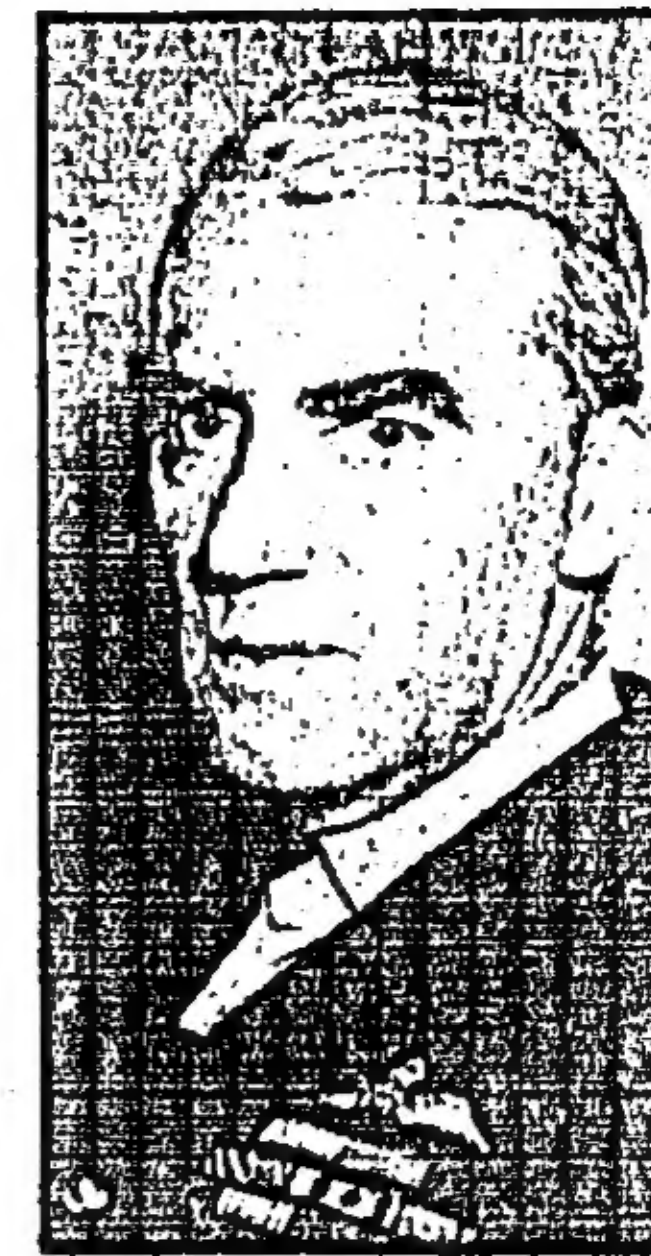
Mr Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, said it was the policy of the Government of the Federation of Malaya to improve the machinery of collective bargaining in the tin mining industry by encouraging the growth of sound trade unions.

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FIGHTER CHIEF



Air Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle photographed at his Stannmore headquarters the day he took over as Air Officer Commanding Fighter Command, R.A.F., from Air Marshal Sir Basil Embury. Air Marshal Boyle is one of the R.A.F.'s greatest jet pilots; it was he who led the R.A.F. Canberra jet squadron's goodwill tour of Latin America in 1951.—Central Press Photo.

FRANCE WARNED OF DEFICIT

Paris, Apr. 29.

Minister of the Budget Jean Moreau today told the Finance Committee of the French National Assembly that the nation is facing an ever greater budget deficit than was forecast for this year. He said expenses were greater than the estimates and income less than expected.

He indicated that expenses—either civil or military—both—would have to be reduced.

M. Moreau said the present Premier Rene Mayer and his Cabinet are now working on measures to bring about the reduction and that Assembly approval would be asked when Parliament resumes on May 12.

The Premier also appeared before the Committee to stress that several measures will have to be taken.

M. Moreau said the present outlook is for a budget deficit of about 804,000,000 francs, an increase of 200,000,000 francs from the budget was prepared and passed earlier this year.

He said a re-evaluation of expenses indicated that 3,883,000,000,000 francs would have to be spent—an increase of 134,000,000,000 francs over the original estimates. At the same time, he said, income is running about 103,000,000,000 francs behind original hopes.—Associated Press.

He was first elected to the Union Parliament in 1920.—Associated Press.

Sydney University Project

Sydney, Apr. 29. Sydney University's new team of atom scientists, recruited from Britain and America, will specialise in high energy physics using cosmic rays.

This was revealed by Professor Harry Messel, Canadian Professor of Physics at the University, who earlier today announced that five prominent scientists were joining an Institute of Nuclear Research established by the University.

Britons joining the Institute are Dr D. Miller of Manchester University and Dr E. P. George and Dr A. H. Herz, both of London.

The others recruited by Professor Messel are Dr J. Blatt of the University of Illinois, recognised as one of the world's top nuclear scientists, and Professor S. R. Ma of the University of Chicago. Professor Ma is a Chinese.

Professor Messel said his group of scientists would equal any in the world.—Reuter.

Speidel's Visit To Britain

Strong Criticism In The House

London, Apr. 29.

Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, said today that he saw no reason why General Hans Speidel, former Chief of Staff to General Rommel, should not come to Britain to see Britain's armament strength.

Resisting strong Labour criticism in the House of Commons, he added: "At the height of the war I gave my tribute to Rommel's outstanding military gifts."

"I regard his resistance to the Hitler tyranny, which cost him his life, as an additional distinction to his memory."

Mr J. O. Thomas, a Labour member, suggested that it was an affront that the Prime Minister himself should pay a tribute to General Speidel who was "doubtless a member of the German officer caste who made themselves willing partners of the Nazi regime."

Sir Winston Churchill said General Speidel has enjoyed the confidence of British and Allied military officers and he has attended British post-war manoeuvres in Germany and was "a much respected man."

Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the opposition, said he thought everyone realised there was always a danger of resurgent German militarism and therefore conditions were laid down for the integration of Germany with other European forces.

"This has not yet been achieved," he said. "I should have thought it surely premature when we do not know what the Germans will take on rearmament or whether they will come into EDC at all, to invite a German general, whatever his past record, to see all our most secret things."

The Prime Minister replied that this sprang from the NATO alliance arising out of the normal working of the very bodies that Mr Attlee helped to create.—Reuter.

Tito Mission To India

Belgrade, Apr. 29.

A Yugoslav economic mission is leaving on Saturday to explore trade possibilities with India, Indonesia and Ceylon.

It will be headed by Jancz Vipotnik, Minister of Economics in the Slovene Provincial Government.

It was thought probable here that the mission would also decide to include Burma and Thailand in its itinerary.

A Yugoslav mission is at present in Tokyo for talks on opening up trade with Japan.—Reuter.

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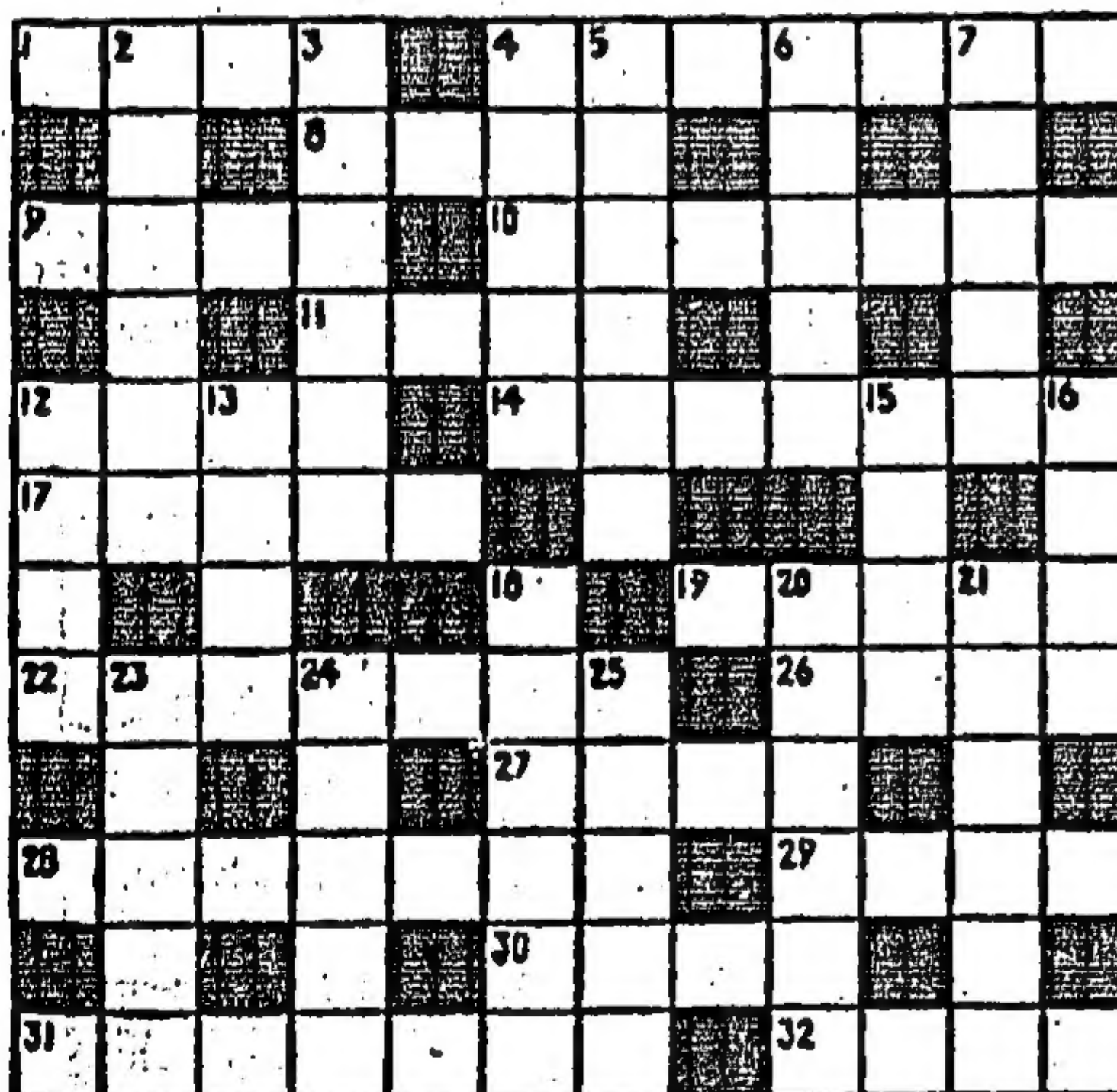
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Platform (4).
 - Own (7).
 - Seaside feature (4).
 - One of royal race of Peru (4).
 - Recommend (7).
 - Regulation (4).
 - Bundle (4).
 - Dismissing (7).
 - Escape adroitly (5).
 - Very silly (5).
 - Cavalryman (7).
 - Expected (4).
 - Chase (4).
 - Abrades (7).
 - Preposition (4).
 - Noticed (4).
 - Shifts (7).
 - Clothing (4).
- DOWN
- Occurring every year (6).
 - Refrained from killing (5).
 - Chimes (5).
 - Severe trial (6).
 - Adhere (5).
 - Gloss (5).
 - Crooked (4).
 - Parlour game (4).
 - Rascals (4).
 - Makes fun of (4).
 - Command (6).
 - Pleasure-trip (6).
 - Alloy (6).
 - Fell (5).
 - Spoke eloquently (5).
 - Stratagems (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Method, 5 Doubt, 8 Rider, 9 Moral, 10 Limit, 11 Lures, 12 Nail, 13 Toast, 16 Defiant, 18 Leases, 20 Stern, 22 Lili, 23 Agate, 25 Verso, 28 Octave, 27 Error, 28 Amies, 29 Nurses. Down: 1 Mementoes, 2 Terrible, 3 Orn, 4 Dulles, 5 Deities, 6 Orison, 7 Bliss, 14 Admiration, 16 Trotters, 18 Dangers, 17 Footoon, 19 Erasos, 21 Theatre, 24 Berry.

Solution to puzzle appearing last Tuesday.—Across: 1, Polior; 5, Fired; 8, Veal; 9, Misses; 11, Enauic; 12, Spruce; 14, Test; 16, Examine; 18, Creep; 19, Edge; 20, Extant; 24, Arena; 25, In-lane; 26, Dier; 27, Bases; 28, Esteem; Down: 1, Pomp; 2, Leas; 3, Over; 4, Result; 5, Floccid; 6, Restore; 7, Deceit; 10, Specie; 13, Accutude; 14, Tenders; 15, Spreads; 17, Agent; 18, Exting; 21, Ants; 22, Tame; 23, Stem.

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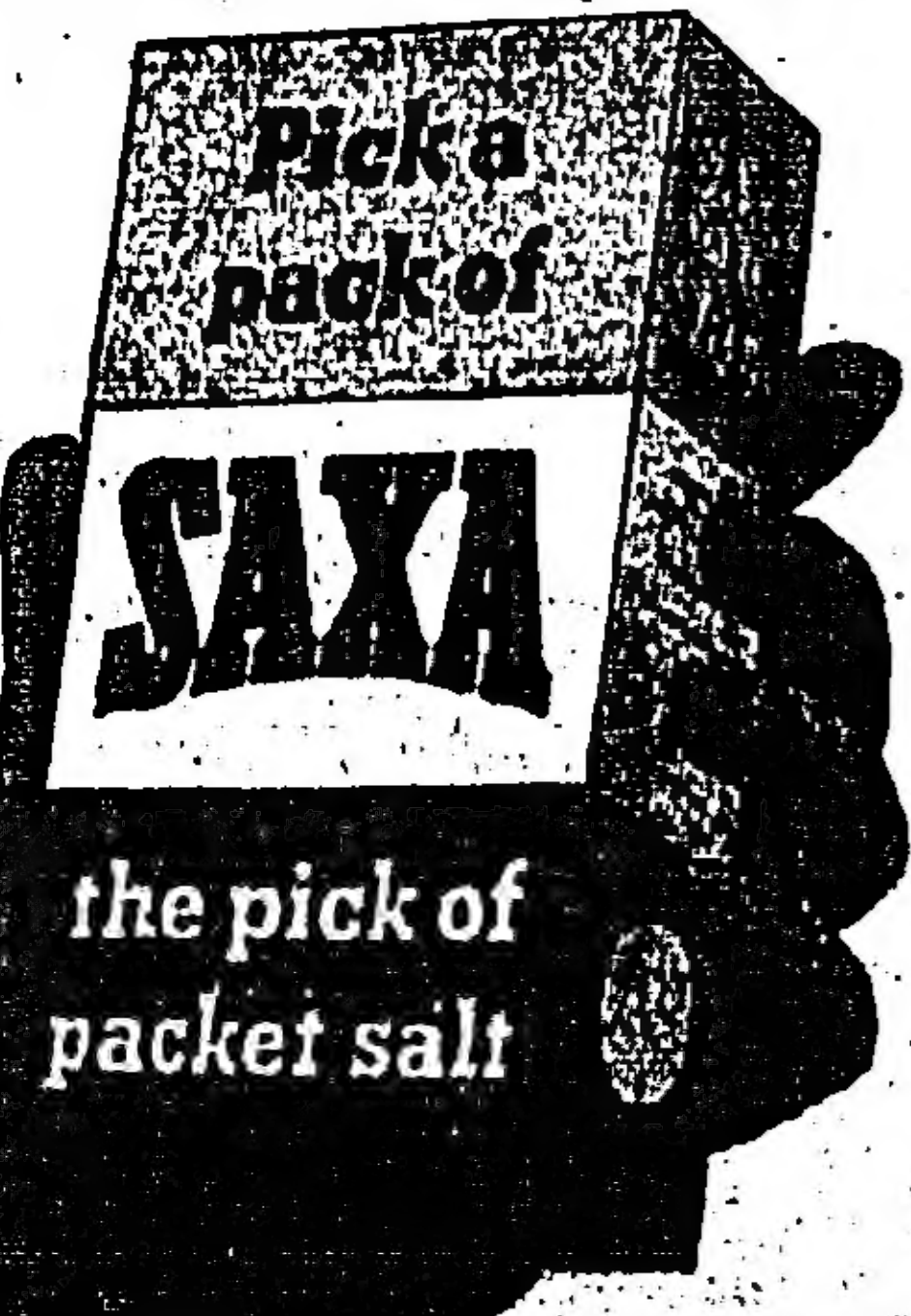
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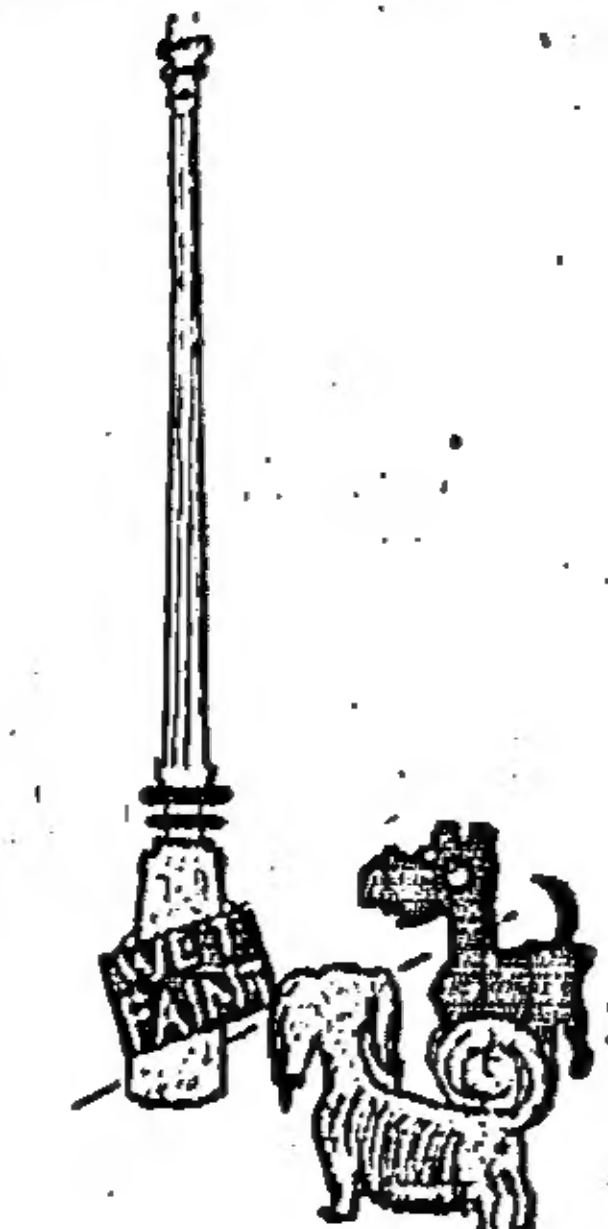
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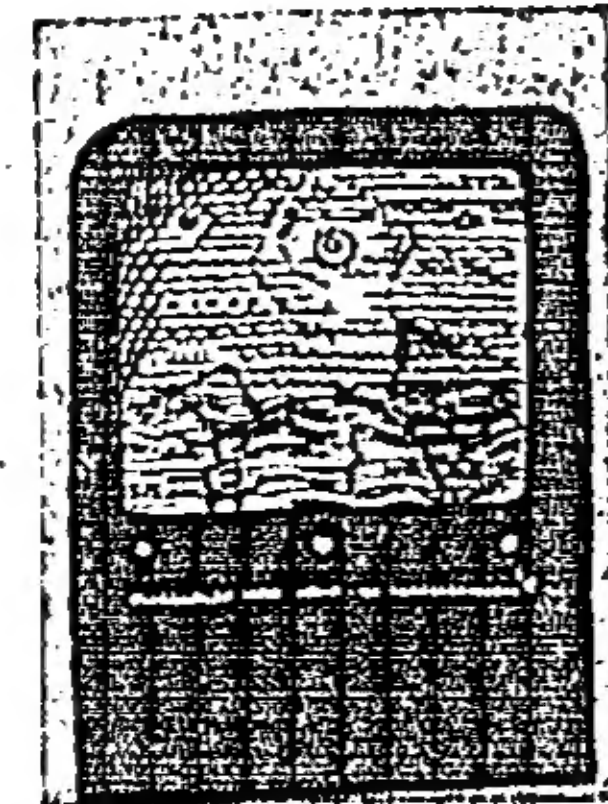
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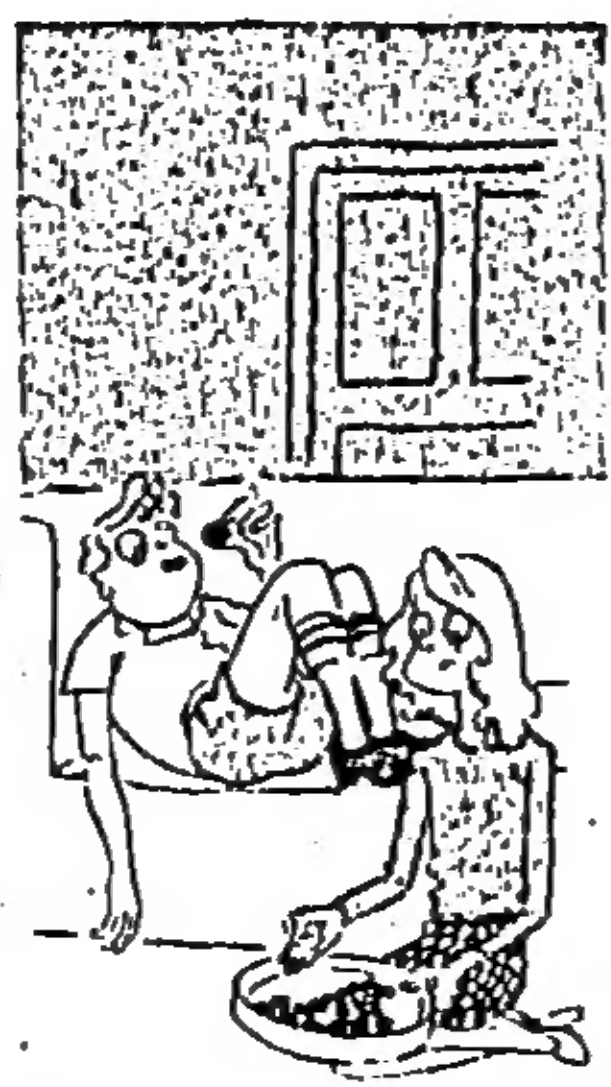
"I'm sure it's very artistic, dear, but personally I should prefer something just a shade less conspicuous."



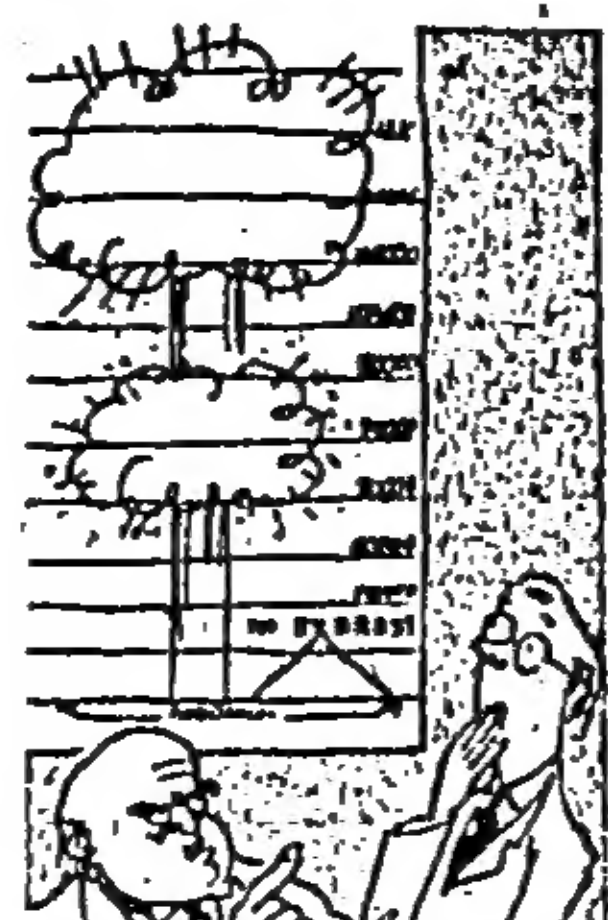
"May I take this opportunity of reminding Comrades that television is among those inventions which were quite erroneously attributed to the Russian genius?"



"And to think of the fuss we make when a British armaments king can't account for fifty pounds' worth of foreign currency!"



"I say, isn't it wonderful to think there'll be more chances for Mumsey to go round looking martyred, telling people: 'Of course WE always give OUR ration to the children'?"



"Never let us forget, Phosgene, that in the long run this experiment will bring inestimable benefits to humanity—if, of course, there is a long run."



"I was just saying to myself: 'Now relax, General, I promise you you won't feel a thing'!"



"Shawcross is quite right—provided his party has done its utmost to increase litigation no lawyer need be ashamed of being in politics."



"Why should presentation at Court still be limited to the privileged few? Are we or are we not living in the century of the Common Fish?"

"THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS," CHAPTER 10

THE PERILOUS PLOT OF "DR CALOMEL"

By AIREY NEAVE, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

Preceding chapters: The author, after an unsuccessful attempt to escape, disguised as a German N.C.O., from Colditz, the "Bad Boys" Camp, is selected to take part in a more elaborate attempt—through a forgotten passage from the camp theatre, where a pantomime is in rehearsal, to the guard block.

SOME of my friends were disheartened by the failure of our escape attempts. But I learned at Colditz that the escaper must have absolute confidence in his success. He must never be discouraged by the gloom of his companions or he is lost. It seemed to me that if two men in German officers' uniforms were to descend the stairs from the attic and emerge from the guardhouse door their appearance would not be questioned by the sentry outside.

During preparations for the guardhouse escape I was able to write and produce for the pantomime a three-act sketch entitled "The Mystery of Wombat College." The principal character in this episode was Dr Calomel, an unpleasant headmaster with heavy black brows resembling Groucho Marx—a part I decided to play myself.

WHEN the rehearsals began at the end of November the discovery of the way to the guardhouse had just been made. I took no part in the lock-picking or the carpentry involved, as I was busy with the production of my sketch. One afternoon while I was rehearsing a scene in which Dr Calomel was tearfully expelling the younger son of a duke from the school, the figure of Pat Reid and his assistant, "Hank" Wardle, appeared from below covered in dust and plaster. They had good news of the escape route.

The final plan was for two parties of bogus German officers to escape at an interval of twenty-four hours. The first would consist of Lieutenant Toni Lutyn and myself. The second would consist of John Hyde-Thomson and Lieutenant Donkers.

I had no difficulty in discovering officers who could convert a Dutch officer's green coat I had obtained into a very passable German officer's overcoat. The epaulettes, normally of woven silver braid, were



Part of the finale scene of "The Mystery of Wombat College." Neave, indicated by "A," played "Dr Calomel." Lutyn, "B," was in the orchestra.

made from thick linoleum cut from the floor of the bathroom, painted silver and sewn to the shoulders.

I had decided to promote myself to the rank of Oberleutnant and to take on the identity of an infantry officer named Schwartz. Small gold stars to denote that rank were fashioned from wood with a penknife. A dark green collar was cut from green baize material. The buttons were of lead from the laundry piping poured into moulds. My belt and holster were of cardboard painted brown.

I made a remarkable discovery concerning my own service dress uniform cap which had been sent to me by my parents in a parcel. I stripped it of khaki material and discovered to my astonishment that, underneath, it had a bright black shiny peak.

Squadron—Leader Brian Paddon, D.S.O., D.F.C., that most ingenious mind among escapers, bent the brim and sides of the cap so that it stood high above the peak, and covered the whole with Dutch uniform material. The principal badge he cut from linoleum. The familiar eagle's wings and swastika design, also in linoleum, were sewn above. He finished this masterpiece by sewing white piping on the edge of the brim.

Toni Lutyn, my Dutch companion, was in the camp orchestra. Since we were both occupied in the theatre we were able to transfer our disguises in Red Cross boxes underneath the stage.

I had hoped to combine my escape with my appearance in the part of Dr Calomel. Lutyn and I were to appear under the stage before the finale, then under cover of deafening music above descending to the passageway.

This ambitious, if sensational, plan proved impossible. When the curtain was due to rise our German uniforms were not complete, nor were our forged

There was a sharp order of dismissal and, mingling with the dispersing prisoners, Pat Reid, "Hank" Wardle, Lutyn and I hurried quickly into the senior officers' quarters. In the darkness of the theatre we felt our way beneath the stage, then carefully prised up the loose floorboards. Pat Reid lifted the mattress-cover rope was let down through the hole in the ceiling and cautiously we climbed down, holding the boxes of uniforms, to the floor of the passageway.

PAT Reid, shining his lighter on the lock, swiftly picked the lock of the gate bridge door. It opened without a sound, for he had oiled the hinges earlier in the week. We walked across to the door that led to the guardhouse.

The German uniform overcoats were unpacked in silence and we put them over our workmen's clothes, leaving our barefeet in the boxes. There was no sound except the grating of Pat Reid's wire reaching in the lock. A minute passed, and suddenly came fear and exasperation. We stood motionless with pounding hearts. Pat Reid spoke in a hoarse whisper: "I'm afraid I can't get it open!"

Tomorrow: Ten Terrible Minutes

DE MILLE FOR PROPAGANDA

from DONALD LUDLOW

New York. CECIL B. DE MILLE, who at 71 is still firmly enthroned as Hollywood's king of the spectacular, is "joining" the State Department.

America's new International Information chief, Robert L. Johnson, has asked him to study the production of propaganda films.

He wants De Mille to suggest new men to make the films, and new ways of "putting the American story across in movies."

De Mille has accepted, but in Washington wits are sharpening their tongues. Knowing De Mille's predilection for massive scenes in Roman arenas, they are asking: Who is going to be thrown to the lions?

Certainly heads are going to roll.

Johnson's view: "We've been spending millions and getting nothing for them."

REPRESENTATIVE Jim Burton, of Arkansas ("Arkansas") expected trouble when he suggested a tax on bachelors—but not from spinsters.

The girls are showering him with protesting letters—at the rate of 100 a day.

And have formed the A.P.A.—S.B.B.H.A.U.W.—Association for the Prevention of Alarming and Stammering Bachelors Beyond the Hopes of Arkansas Unmarried Women.

The Duchess of Windsor, the Marchioness of Queensberry, and some of the wealthiest and most beautiful women in New York society appear as advertising models in a special supplement of the New York Herald-Tribune to raise funds for New York Infirmary.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

PEACE PALACE IS FULL OF SMILES

New York, Tuesday. WHEN I walked into the delegates' lounge at United Nations headquarters there was a group of reporters surrounding Mr Andrei Vishinsky. My colleague Richard Greenough signalled to me and I joined the group.

Mr Vishinsky beamed and bowed. The gold fillings in his teeth glittered under the electric lights. He was all affability and charm, delighted with the world, happy to talk to the Press, brimming with *bontomie*.

The Russian, who has on occasion charged cannibalism and germ warfare against the West, made little jokes about the soft and easy life of U.N. correspondents, declared Mr Eisenhower's foreign policy speech "interesting, but not completely accurate," turned down suggestions that he join us for a drink, then strolled off with a friendly wave and a grin that somehow no longer looked fendish.

I said: "How long has this new Vishinsky been spreading sweetness and light?"

A South American correspondent said: "He perfected this act weeks ago. You'd think he was running in a popularity contest."

Changes

THE transformation of Mr Vishinsky is not the only change in United Nations headquarters.

The big glass building that was beginning to resemble a tomb after Trygve Lie's resignation, the fringes, and the purgings, is a hopeful, if not completely happy place these days. The morale of the Secretariat and the delegates has jumped. There is more bustle and purpose in the peace palace.

The U.N. has recovered its nerve and has even had the boldness to tell its critics that it is very much a going concern, spending twice its cost in the United States and bringing millions of dollars in cash to New York City alone.

I saw Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the chief American delegate, during a tour of the building. He is as handsome as a film star, elegantly turned out, and obviously happy in the job. There was a cluster of women around him, suspended on his words, and any minute I expected him to start signing autographs.

Our man, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, was nearby, hard at work over a pile of papers (Jebb is an indefatigable worker), and we shook hands and chatted briefly. Sir Gladwyn is one of the most respected and gifted of all the delegates who gather here. He is masterly on television, a talented debater, and a polished diplomat.

Once I asked him the reason for his being so telegraphic, and he said: "Before I came here I'd never been on television. I just don't think of the cameras and carry on normally."

I dined with Sir Gladwyn recently at his magnificent house in Riverside, just outside New York. He was a meticulous host, keeping everyone of the 10 or so guests in the picture.

We are fortunate to have him here.

Incidentally, the experts in the U.N. say that President Eisenhower's famous disarmament programme is almost identical with the programme urged by President Truman in October 1950. However, Mr Eisenhower's timing seems to have been better.

Even Wall Street, the fortified by the President's speech, Mr Eisenhower has largely demolished the stock-brokers' and investors' fears that peace means recession or depression.

I only hope the Eisenhower Administration will follow the brave words with bold actions.

Our prestige

WHAT has happened to the Trade, Not Aid policy? The turning down of the low bid by English Electric Ltd. for generators and transformers for a big new American dam is a dismal disappointment. Many Americans of goodwill are indignant, and the State Department is not at all happy.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles does not seem to be able to get his way in many things. In fact, Mr Dulles is believed to be gradually on his way out of office.

Anyway, you will be delighted to know that British prestige just now is ace-high. Why? Because of the bold, buck-up Budget.

We are admired, we are envied. Almost everyone concedes that an American "Rab" Butler would be very welcome here.

Our business men are also demonstrating boldness and optimism.

I had dinner the other night with Sir Eric Bowater, the paper magnate. Sir Eric is putting millions into a Bowater project in Tennessee and looks like making millions for himself. He is a tremendous booster for the British, an aggressive debunker of the "Britain is broke" rubbish.

Stimulating

ALTOGETHER it has been a stimulating week socially and professionally. New York is full of bounce and is taking on some bizarre overtones.

When I returned from Canada I strolled into Toots Shors' restaurant. There was a chimpanzee at the bar sipping a glass of champagne. I knew I was back in New York.

I said to the bartender: "Who's the new customer?" The bartender said: "It's Fred Muggs—you know, the monkey that's such a hit on television—some publicity stunt or something."

I watched J. Fred Muggs sip his champagne delicately, and with appreciation, and then his owner put a cloth cap on Fred's head and the chimpanzee was taken out. Quite a prosperous land when even the monkeys drink champagne!

The correspondence from the clients is interesting. Mr Clayton Hutton, inventor, author, and journalist, writes from London: "Please try to help me."

Hutton, an Englishman with a fine record in peace and war, has been trying to get a visa to the United States for over a year and it still has not been granted. The reason? None given.

From the Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalisation Service I have received an alien's registration card to fill up. This is about the tenth card or document I have had to sign in the past few years. No fingerprints are required this time. We are making progress.

Well, Charles Chaplin will have no more forms to sign here. His decision never to return made Broadway and Hollywood buzz with talk.

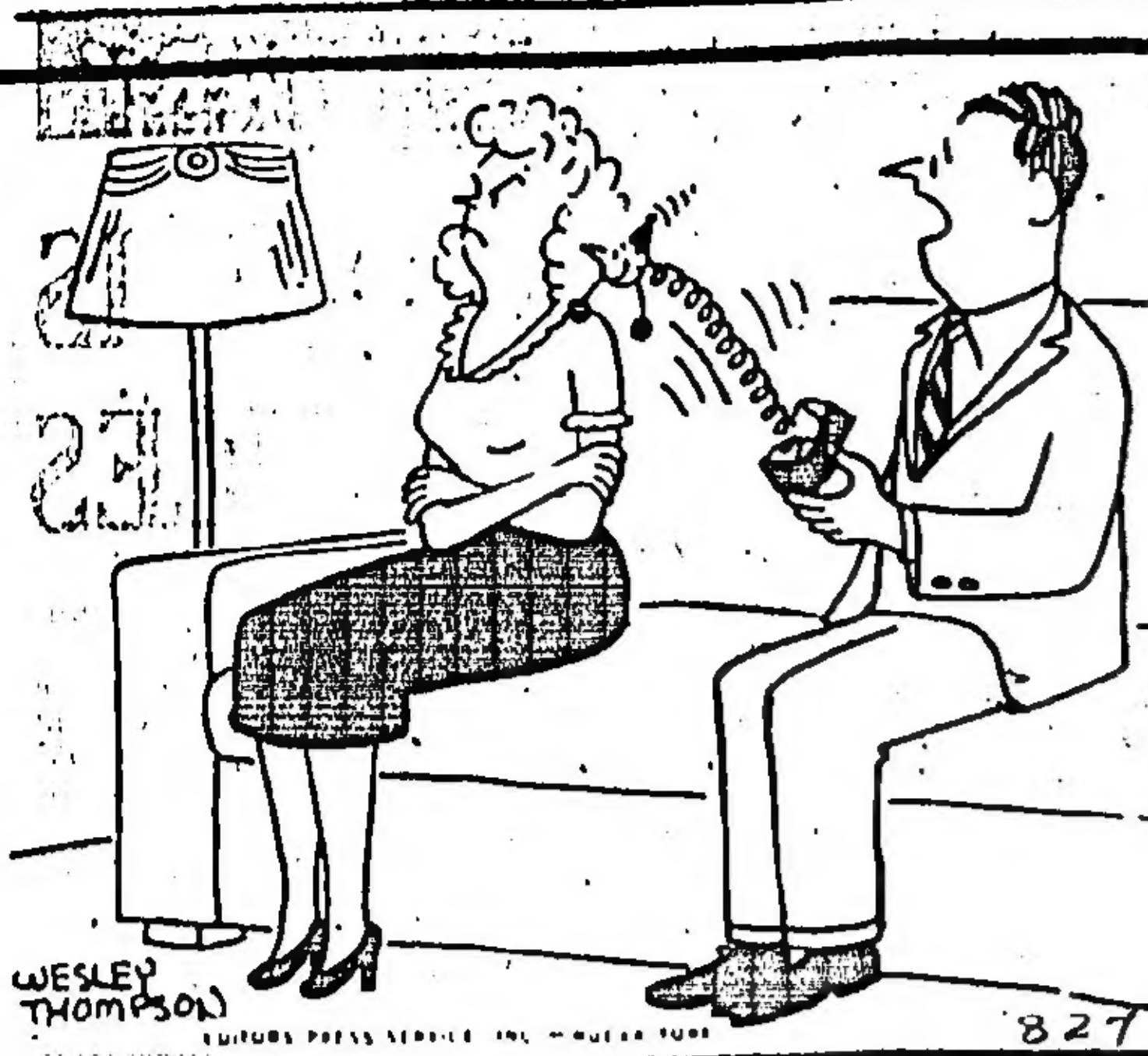
Charles Chaplin junior will star in "The Jackie Coogan Story." Margaret Truman has reluctantly turned down a London West End cabaret offer to appear during the Coronation season. She may sing in London later.

Sure-fire

EDDIE FISHER, the Coca-Cola kid and the new singing sensation here, tells me: "I'm all right at the New York Paramount, but I've got stage-fright about appearing at the Palace. Do you think I'll be all right? You can't miss me, or Basil Rathbone, who will play Sherlock Holmes on Broadway in a new show written by his wife."

Edna Bent will star in "Dorothy Parker's 'Ladies of the Court' ride" here.

STRANGEST casualty case in a week-end tornado at



"You certainly aren't a very good sport. Everyone else I showed it to thought it was very funny."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THERE is no important question in public or private life which is not, sooner or later, studied by C. Suet, Esq.

At the moment he is working on a scholasticism in connection with underground garages. He intends that the whole scheme will stand or fall by the angle of the ramp. A curving ramp, with a reverse curve at both ends, and a simple curve in the middle, double-tracked, will result in inflow avoiding outflow, when the traffic is moving up or down, on the interior lanes provided by an extended roadway branching out sideways from the main inlet or outlet. If there is no continuation of the transverse lane provided by lengthening the turnabouts at every check-point, it is all a question of control, said Suet yesterday.

Prodigious: Control of what? Myself: Control of everything, of course, you fool.

Radio-controlled tins

EXPERIMENTS with a radio-controlled tin-opener have proved that a woman in Wolverhampton can open a tin in Worcester. What this means is that any time, anywhere, and at any distance, a very convenient at the moment or not, rocket-propelled tin that will burst on landing are the next step, but of course, by that time, there will be a Ministry of Tin-Opening to control

Does Minnie lack the common touch?

THE consensus of opinion seems to be that Minnie Slopeowner is too good to be true. The colourful Glazed Bottle Queen of the South Riding has stated that she did not hesitate, in Electric Kettle Week, to allow a Councillor who had won a kiss from her in an auction with a bid of eightpence to claim his prize. In the interests of electric kettles, when to none in my admiration of electric kettles, but the auctioning of kisses, of bottle, and in only one step from the slave market, the rink through the nose, and the lowering of woman's status to that of a mere chattel, commented Councillor Hopper. "Our Sovereign Queen allowed herself to be photographed with a sauceman on her head. It was full of whitebait, and the roars of laughter when she knew how all over her showed that she knew how to arouse the interest of the ordinary citizen."

Off and on

Having specially put on nearly a stone weight in six weeks, in order to play the part, she was told to take off a stone by dieting, as the part had been changed. (Film gossip.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

BORN today, you have a highly critical nature. If you are not a reviewer, books or plays, to comment on the news, or as a professional critic in the field of music and art, you must forge a very successful career for yourself. But if you just sit around finding fault, you can become the biggest failure there is. The difference is in the approach. You are fond of activity and excitement and thrive best in large cities.

You have a good head for business, too, and will probably make plenty of money during your lifetime. But it would have to be something to do with the professions or the arts, for you are not gifted to a purely business career. There is another side to your nature which comes out only with your own family circle. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — All may not be gold that glitters brightly today, so investigate all your plans with great care.

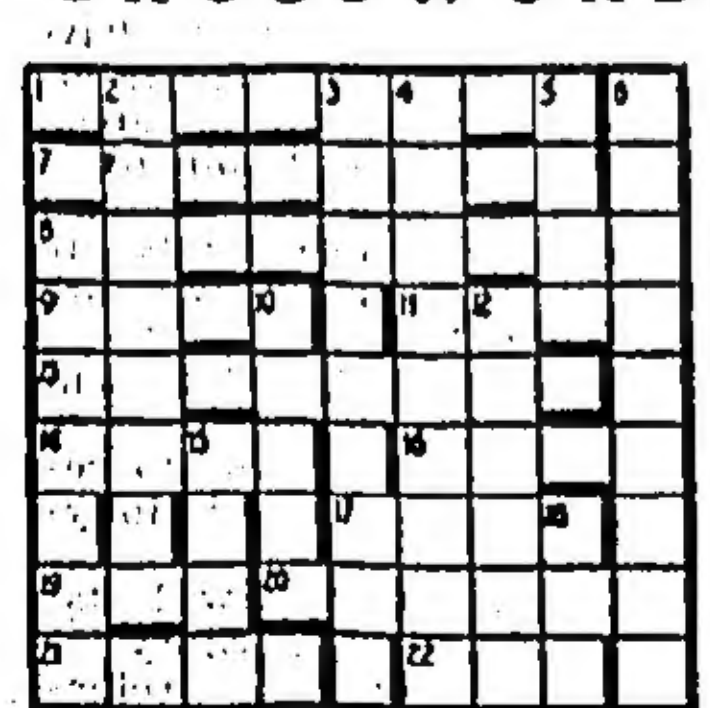
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — If finances are usually involved, be very careful of what you say and do.

CANCER (June 22-July 21) — Be a peacemaker today. Don't get involved in the crowd. Keep your mind to smooth things out, however.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 23) — Harmony at home or at the office is the very best policy. Keep still, rather than speak out of turn.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Ideas which have been hatched in your mind, low heat can be put to good use.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Shiny tone in Mary. (6)
2. To a poet, a good word. (6)
3. Oratorical (anag.). (9)
4. Quarter of deer, perhaps. (4)
5. So majestic, so proud. (4)
6. Protect from disease. (8)
7. The widow's possibly. (6)
8. Hope told you. (4)
9. For medals at dinner. (4)
10. And so. (4)
11. Dazzling planet. (5)
12. Hogarth's garden tool? (4)
13. Island in the North Sea. (4)
14. Down
1. He always hopes. (8)
2. In the last, a skilled job too. (9)
3. Hat (12). (12)
4. So, Scotland by the Thames. (4)
5. Cuckoo. (4)
6. Claret. (7)
7. Claret. (7)
8. With pistol, for pairs. (6)
9. In the garden. (4)
10. First of the year. (4)
11. (Anagram) of "pardon". (9)
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DUMB BELLS



NEVER DRINK OUT OF A SAUCER! DRINK OUT OF YOUR CUP!

WHAT'S HIS LINE? SAM N. LAING

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Don't Be Afraid To Take Chances

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN Ben Johnson, of Spartanburg, S. C., was recently elected president of the American Contract Bridge League, he took over the organization that runs tournaments for more than 40,000 bridge experts. They aren't all in the first ten, to be sure, but they all play regularly and enthusiastically in bridge tournaments.

Ben Johnson is a well known tournament player himself, and might rank higher among the nation's experts if he didn't treat bridge as an adventure. In today's hand, for example, Ben knew that his final bid of four hearts was more courageous than sound, but he felt like taking a chance and came up with a very pretty hand.

West opened the king of spades and continued the suit until Johnson ruffed the third round—with the jack of hearts. Declarer led his low heart to dummy's nine and returned the deuce of diamonds to finesse the jack.

This finesse lost to West's king of diamonds, as expected, and back came another spade. Johnson ruffed with the ace of hearts, led the queen of hearts to dummy's king, and then led the ten of hearts from dummy.

Fortunately, the hearts were 3-3, and this drew all of the

NORTH		30
♠	AKQ105	8742
♥	AKQ	854
♦	KQ	854
♣	Q106	854
WEST		
♠	AKQ105	8742
♥	AKQ	854
♦	KQ	854
♣	Q106	854
EAST		
♠	AKQ105	8742
♥	AKQ	854
♦	KQ	854
♣	Q106	854
SOUTH (D)		
♠	AKQ105	8742
♥	AKQ	854
♦	KQ	854
♣	Q106	854
East-West vul.		
South	West	North
1 ♠	1 ♠	2 ♠
Double	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ K		

trumps. Meanwhile, since declarer was now out of a trump, he could discard the jack of clubs from his hand.

Johnson now led the nine of diamonds, from the dummy, letting it ride for a finesse. When that won the trick, he continued with a low diamond, finessing the ten of diamonds from his hand. The rest was just a matter of cashing top cards in diamonds and clubs to make a well-earned, even if lucky, game.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West
1 Heart 2 Diamonds ?

You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-7-3, Hearts 7-5-4, Diamond 3, Clubs K-J-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. You feel more comfortable with this hand than with the hand shown yesterday. If North rebids the hearts, you can well afford to raise him to game in that suit. The extra trump makes a great difference.

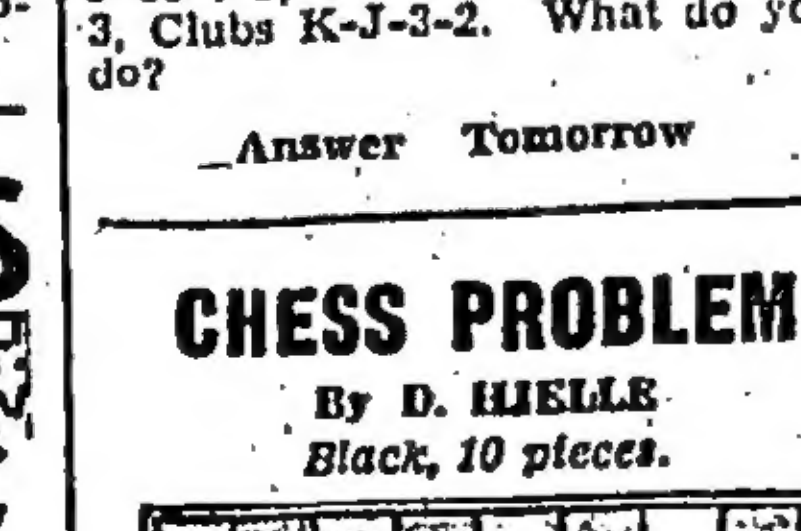
TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-7-3, Hearts 7-5, Diamond 3, Clubs K-J-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By D. HIELE

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-B4; threat 2. Q-Q1 (ch).

K-K3; 2. R-Q4; 1...

K1-B2; 2. R-K5; 1... P-K3;

2. R-QB2; 1... P-K3; 2. R-K5; 1... R-B4; 2. R-K5P (ch).

WOMANSENSE

Gilbertian Chapeau



Roma Dunville, who plays one of the chorus in the original Mervyn Gutter Opera Company, wore the latest Victorian trend chapeau for a river bank picnic scene in the film "Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Sullivan". This gay little will of the wisp hat is a happy union of blue and white nylon candy stripe and crisp

SWAN LAKE DANCER IS NOW INSPECTOR 34 AND SHE FEEDS THE SWANS

THE heroine of Swan Lake keeps an eye on real swans now. She is fair-haired Miss Ninette Bryce - Gold, former ballerina of the International Ballet Company and now London's only woman RSPCA inspector.

Miss Bryce - Gold began dancing when she was five, was picked from her class for special lessons by a Russian ballet teacher, and danced in Vienna, The Hague and Rome.

But her love of animals was stronger than her love of the ballet. A year ago she began her training with the RSPCA. Now she is Inspector No. 34 and wears a navy blue uniform she designed herself. It is tailored with front and back kick pleats and white pique collar and cuffs.

Dog finds a home

Occasionally Miss Bryce-Gold feels lonely for the ballet. "Like right now when the company is in sunny Barcelona," she said. "But helping the animals is a very satisfying job. I love it." She covers 13 districts and is on call 24 hours a day.

"We investigate complaints, help people to care for their animals properly or find new homes for the animals if necessary," she said.

One sheep dog cross for which she was supposed to find a new home now lives in Miss Bryce-Gold's flat. "I became too fond of him to part with him," she said.

She carries with her bread-crumbs and sugar lumps. The bread usually goes to the swans, the sugar to horses.



DANCER-AND RABBIT "This is a job I love."

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Chefs Choose Simple Foods In Planning A Buffet Menu

"AT last I shall find out what chefs choose for a buffet supper when they plan it for themselves," I said to the Chef. "You may be surprised, Madame," our Chef laughed, as he adroitly piloted me into the supper room of the Savoy-Plaza. Visiting chefs from all over the country had gathered there for an early evening reception and buffet.

Our Chef was right. I was surprised—at the simplicity and simple goodness of the buffet.

The foods were arranged on long, white-covered tables, each half duplicating the same foods, so two lines could be formed for buffet service from both ends—a big time-saver.

Came first the hot hors d'oeuvres, served from chafing dishes or electric hot plates. These included: savoury cheese pies, fried oysters, grilled cocktail franks, and a new service for Swedish meat balls.

Mushroom Meat Balls
Make marble-sized Swedish meat balls and saute in butter. When almost done, press into the top of each a small fresh or tinned mushroom top sauteed in butter. Serve sizzling hot in paper bon-bon cups.

Next came the cold hors d'oeuvres—platters of smoked fish of all kinds, assorted olives, pickles, sliced tomatoes and celery hearts. After this, enormous platters of cold baked ham and turkey, old-fashioned potato salad, cole slaw and warm crusty rolls.

Trick of the Chef
Add half a coarse-grated tart apple to roast pork pie.

Roast Pork Pie
Melt 2 tbs. fat. Add 2½ c. diced roast pork, 1 sliced small peeled onion, ¼ lb. washed and sliced mushrooms, or 1 (4-oz.) tin drained mushroom stems and pieces. Sauté until the vegetables and pork are browned. Add 2 tbs. enriched flour, 2 c. sliced, peeled white potatoes, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 1 bay leaf, 1 beef bouillon cube, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, the mushroom liquid and 2 c. boiling water. Boil 20 min., or until the potato is tender. Remove bay leaf.

Transfer to a low 3-pt. baking dish. Cover with American pie pastry rolled ¼ inch thick. Slash the top in 3 places. Bake in a hot oven, 425° F. for 30 min., or until the crust is well browned.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Some Tips On Flying A Kite

—Watch Out It Doesn't Go Higher Than A Cloud!—

By MAX TRELL

"DID you ever fly a kite, Mr. Punch?" Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, asked—his old friend.

"A kite? Yes indeed. When I was a boy I was one of the best kite-flyers in my town. I once flew a kite so high that the string got all tangled up in a cloud."

Knarf looked very surprised.

Not the Worst of It

"And that wasn't the worst of it—no, my dear—not the worst of it at all!"

Knarf looked very surprised. "Well," said Mr. Punch, "it happened this way. My mother, who always liked to keep the house neat and clean (as mothers always do), told me I could go out in the garden and fly my kite."

"But be sure, my dear Punch," she warned me as I was about to leave, be sure you come right in if it starts to rain. I don't want you to get wet—and I don't want my floors tracked with mud."

"I promised to obey her. Then I went outside and got my kite; and, as a fine breeze was blowing, the kite was soon flying high above the treetops."

"It didn't look the least bit like rain. In fact, there was only one little cloud in the sky. It didn't seem to be going anywhere in particular. It just stayed in the sky, directly overhead—though, of course, it was quite a way off."

Let the String Out

"Now I kept looking at that cloud, and by-and-by I decided it would be fun to see if I could get my kite to fly that high, too. So I let out the string. Higher and higher flew the kite and I let out more and more string. Finally it was just under the cloud. Dear me," sighed Mr. Punch, "I should have stopped right there. But alas, I didn't."

"What did you do, Mr. Punch?"

"I decided to make it fly higher than the cloud. So I let out a little more string. The next moment I saw what a terrible thing I had done. The kite went right through the cloud! I started winding in the string at once. But the string was all tangled up in it and the faster I pulled down the cloud, the closer I pulled down the rain!"

"Suddenly the cloud broke and the rain poured down on my head. I remembered what my mother said about coming right in if it started to rain. So I dashed into the house, rain and all!"

The Last Time

Mr. Punch looked sad. "I was wet through and through—and so was the house. It was the last time I ever flew my kite that high. And I hope that will be a lesson for you, too, Knarf—"

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Mr. Punch let out a little more string on the kite.

never, never fly your kite higher than a cloud!"

"But did this really happen, Mr. Punch?"

Mr. Punch looked insulted. "You don't think I'd tell you a story that wasn't true?"

"I never heard of anyone being able to pull a cloud down out of the sky," replied Knarf.

"Well," said Mr. Punch, "things like that don't usually happen—except to people like me. Anyway, it's a good thing I pulled the kite down when I did, otherwise I might have yanked down the moon and some stars. Just imagine the trouble I would have been in then!"

And Mr. Punch smiled pleasantly, just to show he was glad he hadn't gotten into that much trouble.

Knarf smiled too!

Rupert and Morwenna—35



The pike leaps ashore and waves his hands, and the crab waves the star, and next minute the silver boat is gliding silently out of the cave. Goodbye, good-bye," calls Morwenna as the island fades from sight into the darkness. "Just fancy!"

breathes. "This has proved everything I've always believed!" Rupert peers forward. "Are we going back to the Fairy Rocks?" he wonders. "I hope the tide hasn't covered them." But what appears ahead in the high stone end of the harbour wall!

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A new "Adventure"—

RUPERT and the ROCKING HORSE

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INDONESIANS SCORE THEIR THIRD VICTORY OF HONGKONG SERIES

By "SPIV"

The touring Indonesian Soccer XI preserved the unbeaten record of their second overseas tour by yesterday defeating the Hongkong Combined Chinese 5-1 for their third successive triumph in Hongkong.

In the six matches of their tour they have now scored 31 goals and conceded only four. Their Hongkong tour reads three matches played, won three, with 12 goals for and four goals against.

The visitors' display yesterday confirmed their newly-gained reputation as one of the finest soccer teams in the Far East and but for the fact that a few of their players, such as Van der Vin, are not eligible to represent the Indonesian National team, are not favourites to win the Asian Games Soccer Championship.

In their three matches in Hongkong the Indonesians have exhibited an extremely high code of sportsmanship, appreciation of which has been shown by the Hongkong sports public in no better way than by the wholehearted applause given to every good move made by them during any of their games.

COULD BE COPIED

One very conspicuously pleasing sporting quality of the visitors, which some of our

local players may well try to emulate, has been the complete absence of any grumbling or attempt to blame each other whenever a pass goes astray.

The Indonesians have not been given the opportunity of showing how they could take "defeat" but the reaction of the Combined Chinese to defeat yesterday was far from praiseworthy.

They were a completely dispirited team even when they were two goals down and when the third goal was scored against them, the referee might well have blown the whistle for the end of the game.

It is true that they were almost completely exhausted at that point of the game, and particularly so the defence, but to go down fighting in a gloriously lacking quality which needs cultivation among most of our local players.

The string of defeats sustained by Hongkong has been a severe blow to Hongkong's reputation as the leading soccer "country" in the Far East, but has been very educational in laying bare the weaknesses of Hongkong soccer and suggesting the way to improvement. Yesterday's match showed conclusively where this deficiency lies—in the forward line.

In the first half, Hongkong had more than three-quarters of the play in front of their penalty area, but they could not tally even once.

One concession was that they had undoubtedly the finest goalkeeper in the Far East in Van der Vin against them, but the main reason was the heart-rending sight of the waste of good chances by the forwards' habit of pulling and pushing at the ball until the goalmouth was packed with defenders.

This attempt to juggle with the ball was not only seen at the goalmouth but also in Hongkong's approach moves.

Time and again either their own forwards or the defenders had already reached too near the ball before it was parted, and much time was wasted through the leisurely habit of bringing the ball up and looking for teammates to pass the ball to.

The Indonesian forward line were a definite advance in all these respects and this, together with their agility and speed in finding unmarked positions, was the main contributory factor to their triumph in Hongkong.

Ramang, the Indonesian centre-forward, who scored a hat-trick yesterday, was a very good

example of the type of centre-forward Hongkong sorely needs. Excelling not only in speed, he was always in position, ready to take a pass or to follow-up with a shot at goal.

THE GOALS

Yesterday's game actually lasted exactly 61 minutes, including the interval period. Hongkong had more than three-fourths of the play during this period, the greater part of which saw them in the Indonesian goal area.

Pulling and pushing with the ball, however, they were repeatedly robbed of it before they could take a shot at the goal and when they did manage to part with the ball it was either wide of the goalmouth or met by the safe hands of goalkeeper Van der Vin.

The Indonesians opened the scoring in the 14th minute of the second half. Inside-left Tee San-Jong sent a 20-yard through pass from the middle slightly to the right, past Ko Po-keung.

The centre-forward dashed into the unmarked position, raced with the ball and with plenty of time drove in a cross shot past Yui-tak. In another eight minutes the Indonesians added three further goals. Three minutes later, unmarked right-wing Kho Tain-ho made his way to the penalty area, but his shot was stopped by Yui-tak. Centre-forward Ramang followed up and first-timed the rebound into the net.

Three minutes later, left-wing Sogiono sent Ramang through in the open space with a ground forward pass. Ramang beat Ko Po-keung and Hau Yung-sang to the ball and hit the roof of the net with a hard drive.

The fourth goal came two minutes later. A backward pass was volleyed by inside-left Tee San-Jong from the edge of the box right into the net.

Hongkong's solitary goal came in the 54th minute of the second half from a penalty when the Indonesian right-half was pulled up for pushing inside the area. Chu Wing-keung made no mistake with the spot-kick.

Just before the final whistle came the Indonesians scored their fifth and final goal. Yui-tak, after making a good save from a close-in shot, failed to reach a long lob by the Indonesian left-back from just after the midline. The ball dropped just under the bar into the net.

KEN SMITH Show Talking Britain's First 3-D Starts Battle Of Stars

WHERE does Britain stand with three-dimensional films? This week I can tell you: The first full-length 3-D film is being planned now. It will be Shakespeare's tempestuous study of villainy, Richard III.

And I can also tell you that a first-class "battle" is going to be waged for the honour of being the stars.

Richard III will be played by either Jose Ferrer or Sir Laurence Olivier; the leading lady role of Lady Anne, wooed by Richard across her dead husband's coffin, will go to either Claire Bloom or Jean Simmons.

3-DEMENTIA

If Richard III, to be directed by John Huston, is properly planned and presented, Rembrandt—the go ahead company (remember African Queen and Moulin Rouge?) whose scheme it is—have a chance of knocking Hollywood's big money boys sideways. For these

reasons has only one 3-D film, Hollywood, in a of three-dementia, has a all competing.

The chaos is so complete that the wary Cecil B. de Mille, who remembers having his silent, Godfrey, left on his hands when talkies came in, has postponed his new film The Ten Commandments, for six months.

Britain has the best script-writers, apart from Shakespeare.

Hollywood's efforts so far have been so feeble that 3-D is just about their worth. In fact I wouldn't give threepence for them.

Take the latest, Man in the Dark. Technically it's an improvement on Ewing Scott's—there is less distortion. But it is drably written, badly directed and poorly acted.

A bad film is none the better for being bad in three-dimensions.

The cinema's big rival is still TV. But 3-D is not yet the answer.

AGREES WITH ME

In London recently Walt Disney agreed with me: "I'm going ahead with my plans to do my next full-length cartoon picture as a 'battie'."

It will be The Lady and The Tramp—a doggy story. After that I'll do The Sleeping Beauty the same way.

"But at the same time I shall do a short 3-D cartoon musical, Melody. My daughters want me to."

"What's 3-D, anyway? It only means three Disney shades in one programme."

FOOTNOTE: The stage hit Dial M for Murder will now be made in 3-D by Warners in Hollywood. Alfred Hitchcock will direct, and it will be in colour.

BACK TO HOLLYWOOD

GENE KELLY'S non-dialogue invitation to the Dance, which he came over to Britain to make last year, will now be completed in Hollywood.

One sequence will be a dance and chorus affair with Kelly doing the dancing and the makers of Gerald McBoing-Boing doing the cartoons.

COSTLY MISTAKE

LAST week in America the showman Dan Danvers and Julia (they made themselves firm favourites at the London Casino two years ago in Latin Quarter) wiped out a mistake that cost them 2,000 dollars and thousands of miles travelling.

When they appeared on the bill with Danny Kaye in New York, they did not expect Danny to be kept on longer than the scheduled run, so they signed a contract to appear in a midnight cabaret in Washington over 200 miles away.

When the New York show kept running, they fulfilled their contract. So after each show in New York, still in make-up, they dashed to the airport, flew to Washington, did their cabaret act and came back by train to New York the following morning.

LONDON BOUND

YET another Broadway hit is London bound: The Moon is Blue, which has already run for over two years in New York, and has been filmed in Hollywood.

Sir's America's Barbara Bel Geddes and Britain's Robert Flemyng.

LOESSER'S LATEST

REMEMBER Betty Davis, in deep husky tones, sang "They're Either too Young or too Old" when the

young, sangred Dorothy Lamour gave out with "The Moon of Mannakora" when a Wild West Marlene Dietrich chartered the Boys in the Back room; and now, when Danny Kaye, as Hans Christian Andersen, expounds the delights of "Wonderful Copenhagen?"

One man thought up these songs: 42-year-old New Yorker, Frank Loesser. Soon your radio set will be vibrating with the refrain from Guys and Dolls, which went in

to rehearsal recently, and which opens at the Coliseum on May 28. Frank Loesser wrote the entire score.

TITANIC

publicity boys who dream up their "colossal" and "stupendous" advertising lines were faced with the problem of "selling" the film Titanic. The boys were groggy with searching for superlatives, brighter than the title, finally came up with "the most titanic picture of the year."

Serial No. 17. Orders issued by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated April 29, 1953.

Force Headquarters
Int Unit HQ Pl: Parade HQ Happy Valley 5.30 p.m. Friday May 5, 1953. Lecture: Dress: Plain clothes. Recce Pl: Parade HQ HKIDF 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 1953. Lecture: Dress: As detailed.
Artillery Battery: 76 Gunners Tp Victoria 5.30 p.m. Friday May 5, 1953. Miniature Range, C & R Tp. Parade Kennedy Road Range 5.30 p.m. Monday May 4, 1953. Dress: Overall, beret.
Hongkong Regiment
Congratulatory—Queen's Birthday Pt det. The Commanding Officer cc. congratulates the Regimental Company on the Queen's Birthday Parade on their turnout, bearing and drill. Orderly Officer of the Week—L. G. Halligan. Next for duty—L. G. MacWhinnie. Orderly Sergeant of the Week—R. F. R. Next for duty—Sgt. F. J. Anslow.
Training: "A" Coy—Tuesday May 5, 1953. Artillery Tp. Induction. Film: RV 5.20 p.m. at MPQ. Dress: Clean fatigues. "B" Coy—Monday May 4, 1953. Coy Comd's disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPQ for Tg Area. Dress: Clean fatigues. "C" Coy—Friday May 5, 1953. Coy Comd's disposal. RV 5.15 p.m. at MPQ for Womuchong Gap. Dress: Clean fatigues.
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"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	1st May
"ANSHUN"	Singapore	10 a.m.	8th May
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	8th May
"SHANGHAI"	Singapore	10 a.m.	8th May
"FOOCHOW"	Keelung	5 p.m.	9th May
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	8 a.m.	10th May
"HUNAN"	Dinkari, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	10th May
	Tientsin	10 a.m.	14th May

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ARRIVALS FROM	Destination	Time	Day
"ANKING"	Singapore	7 a.m.	1st May
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	5th May
"SZECHUEN"	Kobe	5th May	6th May
"FOOCHOW"	Indonesia & Balikpapan	8th May	8th May
"FUKIEN"	Papan	8th May	8th May
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"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th May
"ASCANIUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	26th May
"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th June
"TELEMACHUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th June

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails	Destination	Arrives
G. "AENEAS"	Liverpool	Hong Kong 8th May
G. "ASCANIUS"	do	8th May
G. "PYRRHUS"	do	15th May
G. "TELEMACHUS"	do	23rd May
G. "CALCHAS"	do	29th May
G. "AUTOMEDON"	3rd May	7th June
G. "PELLEUS"	7th May	13th June
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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m/v "ELLEN MARISS"

having arrived from Karachi and

Port of call, Consignees of cargo

are hereby notified that their goods

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1953.



JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Galahad At Eros

THE young American was passing through London on his way to Paris and Rome, and on the night of his arrival here, he asked a native: "Tell me, where do most Americans go when they've a spare night in town?"

"Pleasantly Circus," the native dourly replied.

"Fine," said the young American, "we'll go see that."

It was late in the evening, but undeterred, the young American, whose name was George, and who by profession was a painter, set off to see the sights of the Circus. Along with him went a shipboard acquaintance, an Italian returning to his country after studying TV in America, who was staying in the same hotel.

Neither of the pair had been to London before, though George had spent a year in Continental Europe, and what they expected to find at Pleasantly Circus at that time of night, we do not know.

BRIGHT LIGHTS

WHAT they did find was the usual night - before - the-morning-after midnight scene. There were giggles of teen-age girls in pursuit of the international servicemen set; stray elderly civilians feeling their way home after a tremulous day; celebrating this and that; police vans discreetly parked in side streets, ready for mopping-up operations; a host of elegantly dressed young women distributed in pairs in the doorways of closed shops.

Over the whole, the neon signs flashed their messages and the bright lights shone. George and his friend observed the interesting scene for a few moments, then went to a cafe and had each a black coffee, to take the taste away.

"Where now?" they said to each other. "Home," they decided. But which way did home lie? They neither of them knew.

BRIEF ENCOUNTER

SO they went up to one of the elegant young ladies, who had temporarily left her doorway, and was taking the air on a street corner. They asked the way back to their hotel.

She had hardly begun her answer, when from which looted a number of police officers. One, a sergeant, came up to the girl on the corner, took her arm, and said: "Come on you," or words to that effect.

The girl made no demur, but George was appalled. It seemed to him that he was the cause of the girl being arrested. The Galahad in him was aroused. "What you taking her for?" he said. "I was just asking her..."

"You with her?" the sergeant asked. "Yes," George replied, and next moment he, as well as the girl, was in the van, while his Italian friend looked on with wonderment, not having understood much that had been said.

GEORGE PROTESTS

"I'm an American citizen," George protested. But the van drove off. Before it had gone more than a few yards, however, someone had another thought. George was told to get out and go away. "No, sir," he said. "I'm going to see this thing through."

Next morning, at Bow Street, he pleaded not guilty to obstructing the police sergeant in the execution of his duty, and Mr. Frank Milton, the magistrate, was told the whole story.

George is a hefty, dark-haired young man, from whose face a very pleasant smile seems never far distant. He told his story with becoming diffidence, and ended it. "I'm only here because I insisted."

The sergeant was invited to question him. "Why?" he demanded, "did you ask the way from this girl, when there were police about?" His tone suggested a closed shop system governed the giving of street directions.

MY INTENTIONS

"MY intentions were wholly honourable," said George, slightly affronted by the implication he read into the question. Both he and the sergeant were unshakable in their two versions of what had happened, and now

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Everybody Upset By New Basic Wage Climb

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Apr. 28.

Australians, basking in the warmth of an Indian Summer and feeling fat and comfortable about life in general, were jolted back into reality this week when our basic wage did another quarterly climb.

The increase ranged from 2/- to 7/- Sydney gets 3/-, making the basic wage the silly sum of £12.1. Australians have just about reached the screaming stage over these periodic rises.

The boss is screaming because this latest rise is going to add another couple of millions to the wages bill; the Government is yelling because it is going to cost another £3 million to run the country — and the worker, who is going to pay for all these millions — is adding his voice to the din.

The basic wage is something like a man who used to have an occasional drink, but gradually became an out-and-out drunkard. The story of how it strayed from the straight and narrow path goes something like this:

Way back before World War I the lowest wage to be paid to a married man with a wife and child was fixed by the courts. It wasn't any fancy sum, allowed for no particular luxuries — just three meals a day, rent, essential clothing, with a pence thrown in for fuel and forth. This was to be the wage on which all wages would be based, the amount being "loaded" for skill.

That basic wage was fixed at £2.10. Having fixed it, the court then decided that it should fluctuate with the fortunes of the country, so a strange device called the "C Series Index" was thought up. This index is a list of all those items on which the wage is based, and from its mysteries each quarter the court registrar announces what the wage will be.

BEHAVED WELL

Like that moderate drinker, the wage behaved very well for many years. Sometimes it went down sixpence, then up a shilling until, at the end of 1929, it had reached £4.1 a week — quite reasonable in the light of the growth of the country.

During the war years the basic wage first took seriously to drink. In 10 years to the end of 1949 it had increased £2.11 to £6.12, quite reasonable looking back, but at that time we were told that the country could never stand it.

By the end of the next 12 months — 1950 — the wage was £8.5; the four quarters of 1951 saw adjustments of 8/-, 7/-, 13/- and 14/-, so that at the end of the year the boss was paying a base rate of £10.7.

1952 added another 30/-, making £11.17, but because the last quarterly rise had been only 2/-, the thought dawned that inflation might at last be beaten. This was strengthened by a rise of only 1/- in February this year, and a fall had been tipped for this week.

But it went up 3/- to £12.1 — an £8 rise in 14 years. No one can stop this mad merry-go-round of wages chasing prices and vice versa. It is in the hands of the courts and can be stopped only by a court decision.

"PLAIN HELL"

A basic wage of £12.1 might seem to be Utopia to some people but to a vast number of Australians today it is plain hell. They are the people who retired on a handsome pension of £10 a week in, say 1938. Today, down-at-heel old men, they are taking jobs as messengers "boys" to build up that now-near useless £10 to a sum that will help them see out their days.

Old age pensioners, the people who battled to make this country such as it is, are trying to exist on a pittance that is only a fraction of the basic wage. A tiny

Mr. Milton said: "There's a conflict of evidence here that I find impossible to resolve. The case is dismissed."

"Thank you, sir," said George, and he left the dock, from which may be obtained one of the best views in the world of justice being done, to resume his sight-seeing.

Col. J. D. Clague proposed, and Mr. G. J. Edmonds seconded, the re-election of Mr. G. E. Madden and Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chiu as Directors, and the confirmation of the appointments of the Hon. J. Kewick and Mr. J. H. Hamm as Directors.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Major S. M. Churn, seconded by Mr. A. D. Wyllie.

A POPULAR GAME IN HOLLAND



No name has yet been given to this new game, which is now proving all the rage in Amsterdam, Holland. The game is played by two teams of five a side with a ball in the form of a "blown" egg. The players puff and blow the egg around in an effort to get it into the tiny goals at the ends of the table. — London Express.

Boy Falls Off Train

A 12-year-old school boy, David Anderson, son of an army officer, residing in the New Territories, was critically injured when he fell off an incoming train shortly before 9 a.m. today.

The boy was coming in with his schoolmates to attend school when the accident occurred near Ho's Wharf.

It was learned that the boy was riding comfortably and that he will be transferred to an army hospital.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at 9 a.m. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the above, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

By Air

Philippines, North Borneo, 6 p.m.
C.P.A.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m., C.P.A./B.O.A.C.
Formosa, Okinawa, S.A. (New York), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

By Air

Siam, Burma, India, 10 a.m., via A.C.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 11 a.m., Air France.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 11:30 a.m., C.P.A.L.
Formosa, 1 p.m., C.A.T.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4:30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.
Siam, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, 1 p.m., as Hong Kong.
Siam, 1 p.m., as Anne Reed.
Indonesia, 6 p.m., as Tjibang.
Philippines, 9 a.m., as Benavente.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 a.m., via P.A.L.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m., P.A.A.
Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m., C.P.A./B.O.A.C.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

By Surface

Macao, 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m., 6 p.m., train via Canton.
Siam, 11 a.m., as Yukikawa Matsui.
Indonesia, Noon, as Tjibang.
Japan, Canada, 1 p.m., as Martin Decker.

ANOTHER KENTNER TRIUMPH

Temperamental Chopin, with all his moods: melancholic, sardonic, whimsical, stormy, passionate, ironic, still proves to be the favourite composer among Hongkong concert-goers.

Chopin-lovers, after a two-hour programme, refused to leave their seats after the fourth encore, which also was a Chopin number, when Louis Kentner, celebrated pianist, gave his fourth recital in Hongkong, at the Empire Theatre last night.

Never has this composer been better understood than by Kentner, who, with his finished artistry, brought out the intrinsic beauty and poetry of Chopin's music.

Perhaps it was the extreme lightness of touch, the art of making a pianissimo note heard at the back of the hall which made him such a successful interpreter. "Berceuse" (Cradle Song) his third encore, was a fine example of his highly imaginative execution of the piece; the lulling effect, the rocking movement of the cradle, the striking recurrent pedal note in the bass (D flat occurring in every bar of the entire composition) was all too eloquent. The passage of runs in chromatic thirds and the sweet grace-notes in the treble were especially appealing.

DEEPER FEELING

Deeper feeling of the composer was demonstrated in the two Sonatas, B-flat minor (Op. 35) and B-minor (Op. 58). The famous third movement "Funeral March" hall-marked Kentner's power to create the finest shades of tone. The pianissimo notes were univalued. The echo of the last step of the coffin-bearer was completely expressed by the final note on the piano.

The four ballades were in lighter mood. In each Kentner fully expressed the lyric element each was a narrative poem telling of the joy and sadness of life. Of the four the G minor (Op. 23) appealed as the best. In this single piece the pianist brought out melancholic phrases over and over again in varying expressions, sometimes in undertone, sometimes more assertive. It was an under-statement of intense emotion.

The "Bacchante" (Op. 60) contained some sweet flowing melodies suggestive of the lapping of water, and the gliding of a gondola. It certainly called for imaginative interpretation and high technique. — Irene Loo.

'Shai Dockyards' Heavy Loss

A net loss of HK\$2,115,384.80 for the year ended September 30, 1952, was announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd. held at noon today at the offices of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Together with the debit balance of HK\$388,021.19 for 1951, the total debit balance to be carried forward to the coming year is HK\$2,004,005.09.

Failed To Rejoin Ship

For failing to rejoin the ship, Schmidt Helmer Jensen, 22, Danish seaman on board the ms Mathilde Maersk, was this morning sentenced to imprisonment, not exceeding six weeks, or until arrangements have been made for his repatriation or rejoining his ship.

The Prosecution told the Court that the ms Mathilde Maersk arrived here at 2 a.m. on April 26 and moored at buoy A11. Defendant was still on shore when she left the harbour at 5 a.m. on April 26. Defendant gave himself up and reported to the agents, Jobson & Company the next day.

A representative of the agents said defendant would rejoin the ship when she returned from Indonesia in June.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That looks like Margie they pushed into the mud puddle! How'd she ever get so popular with the boys?"

Soldiers' Murder Trial Continues

Court Hears Alleged Statements By The Accused

Evidence of enquiries made into the case and the taking of statements from the two accused regarding their whereabouts at the time of the alleged crime was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning by Det. Sub-Inspector R. F. Smith in the murder trial of two British soldiers.

Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Puisne Judge, was told by Counsel for the Defence that Counsel for both sides had reached an agreement whereby certain passages in the statements of the accused were to be left out of the evidence.

At yesterday's hearing, His Lordship had ruled that the statements were admissible as evidence on the whole, after hearing legal submissions by both sides in the absence of the Jury.

Regarding certain portions of the statements which the Defence had submitted were prejudicial to their case, His Lordship had suggested that both sides get together and see if they could agree whether these portions should be used in evidence or not.

The accused are L/Cpl George Robert Douthwaite, 24, of Swinton, Scarborough, and Trooper Douglas Derrick Dalton, 19, of Southampton, both attached to Headquarters, 35 Infantry Brigade, New Territories.

They are charged with the murder of a NAAFI woman employee, Ho Eze-mui, 33, whose body was found in a ditch off the motor road leading from the Fanning Cross Road to Sok Kong on the afternoon of December 23, 1952.

CROWN'S ALLEGATIONS

It was alleged that the two accused intercepted the deceased who was a pillion passenger of a taxi-cyclist on the road to Sok Kong Camp, and that they attacked her with a pair of handcuffs, causing head wounds from which she died about three days afterwards.

First accused is defended by Mr Charles Losoy, QC, instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares, while the second is represented by Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr W. C. R. Carr. The Prosecution is conducted by Mr A. Hooton, Solicitor-General, and Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel. Inspector R. F. Smith was present for the Police.

The Jury is composed of six men and a woman. Inspector Smith gave evidence that during the course of his investigations into the case he interviewed a number of people, and took a number of statements.

On December 20, last year, he went to HQ 35 Brigade at Sok Kong for the purpose of interviewing various people there, among whom were the accused. Witness stated that when he first questioned Douthwaite he did not at the time suspect him of being implicated in the murder. He took a statement from him and wrote it down, after which he read it back to Douthwaite.

On December 19, last year, he left camp with Dalton and Honeyman (a witness for the Defence). All three hired bicycles from a cycle shop near the Kam Tin Restaurant, and they cycled to Fanning, arriving there about 10:30 hours.

The other two men and himself then went to the Paramount Dance Hall at Fanning and stayed there until about five minutes before midnight, when they cycled back to camp by way of route No. 2, which was a short cut. He did not see anything during the return journey.

The statement went on to say that he, as well as the other two were in uniform. He was never drunk that night. As a rule he never drank.

Inspector Smith said that, in reply to his question, Douthwaite told him he only travelled along route No. 2 while coming back from Fanning.

Witness went on to say that, the same day, he interviewed the second accused, who also signed his own statement.

The statement read out in Court, said that Dalton joined the Army on September 20, 1951, as a National Serviceman. He was a single man. Arriving in Hongkong in 1952, he was stationed at Sok Kong.

About 18:30 to 19:00 hours on December 19, last year, he left camp with Dalton and Honeyman. The three of them hired three cycles of the Sports model and rode to Fanning by way of route No. 2. He did not pass anybody on the road. They called at the Church of England Service, Cantonese, at Fanning about 18:30 hours. They stayed there about half an hour, and then went to a dance hall where they stayed up to about midnight.

Hearing is proceeding.

Radio Hongkong

8.15 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 8.15 p.m. Programme: 8.30 p.m. Portuguese Hour (Studio): 7. Music of the People — The BBC Midland Light Orchestra, conducted by Gilbert Vinter (Studio): 7.30 p.m. Down Memory Lane, presented by Albert Woods (Studio): 8. Weather Report, 8. Time Signal, World News and News Talk (Studio): 8.15 p.m. The Queen's News — The Herald. The second of six talks on Coronation Fare from the North of England (Studio): 9. Sports Review by Eric Young (Studio): 9.15 p.m. The Queen's News (Puccini) Act 1. With Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Rome, conducted by Alberto Erede: 10. Music of the Twentieth Century: 10.20 p.m. Coronation Fare. The Queen's News: 10.30 p.m. News and The Queen: 11.30 p.m. Coronation Fare.

'What's His Line?' Solution

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